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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 ON MAY 11, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 99.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK EVERYONE
7 TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING
8 BY FATHER ROBERT KEARNS OF THE ST. BRIGIT CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
9 LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL
10 BE LED BY IRIS PATRICIA MESA, MEMBER, ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST
11 NUMBER 241, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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13 **REVEREND ROBERT KEARNS:** GOOD MORNING, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
14 LET US PRAY. GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD, WE PAUSE AT THE BEGINNING
15 OF THIS SESSION, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 WE ASK, LORD, THAT WE RECOGNIZE YOUR PRESENCE OF ONE ANOTHER
17 AND IN ALL WE MEET THIS DAY. WE ASK THAT YOUR DIVINE WISDOM
18 GUIDE US IN UNDERSTANDING AND DECISION-MAKING OF THIS BODY OF
19 COMMUNITY SERVANTS. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ARE AWARE WE ARE ONE
20 PEOPLE, CREATED BY YOUR LOVING HAND AND MADE IN YOUR IMAGE AND
21 LIKENESS. OUR COMMUNITY IS FILLED WITH CRIES OF PAIN, INJURY,
22 INJUSTICE, VIOLENCE, AND DIVISION. GRANT US, LORD, A NEW
23 SPIRIT AND SKILL OF HEALING AND RECONCILING THE DIVERSE
24 MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL.
25 FATHER, OFTEN WE GROW WEARIED AND DISCOURAGED BY THE MANY



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1 INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS WE MUST FACE BUT, LORD, INSPIRE US TO
2 REMEMBER, WE ARE NOT ALONE. YOU ARE WITH US, AS WELL AS
3 COUNTLESS CITIZENS, CHURCHES, AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE
4 COMMUNITY STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH US TO BRING ABOUT
5 JUSTICE, PEACE, AND TRUTH FOR ALL WHO ARE CITIZENS. LOVING
6 FATHER, AT THE END OF THIS DAY, MAY IT BE SAID THAT THE LOS
7 ANGELES COMMUNITY IS MORE JUST, PEACEFUL, AND HONEST DUE TO
8 THE WORK AND DELIBERATION OF THIS BOARD. FATHER, WE ASK THESE
9 GIFTS WITH MINDS OPEN TO YOUR WORD AND HEARTS THAT TRUST IN
10 YOUR ETERNAL LOVE AND CARE. AMEN.

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12 **IRIS PATRICIA MESA:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND
13 JOIN AS WE SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
14 ALLEGIANCE] .

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS
19 MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO-- IS IT IRIS PATRICIA MESA?
20 MS. MESA IS A MEMBER THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 241 OF BALDWIN
21 PARK. SHE SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE 86TH COMBAT SUPPORT
22 HOSPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE PERSIAN GULF FROM
23 2000 TO 2004. MISS MESA'S NUMEROUS HONORS INCLUDE THE ARMY
24 COMMENDATION MEDAL, THREE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, A MEDAL OF
25 GOOD CONDUCT, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AN ARMY



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1 OVERSEAS RIBBON AND A GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL. SHE IS
2 EMPLOYED IN MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND LIVES IN BALDWIN
3 PARK. WE WANT TO THANK YOU TODAY FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE
4 OF ALLEGIANCE AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF
5 APPRECIATION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE CERTAINLY WANT TO WELCOME FATHER KEARNS.
10 HE WAS APPOINTED THE PASTOR OF ST. BRIGIT CHURCH IN SOUTH LOS
11 ANGES IN DECEMBER 2003. ORDAINED A PRIEST IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
12 IN 1963, HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WHERE
13 HE SERVED ORGANIZED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PARISHES TO WORK
14 COLLABORATIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND
15 CIVIL RIGHTS. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN
16 AUGUST, 1963 AND, IN 1965, FATHER KEARNS WAS ONE OF THE CLERGY
17 WHO RESPONDED TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S CALL TO COME TO
18 SELMA, ALABAMA, TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
19 LEGISLATION. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN URBAN AFFAIRS
20 FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; APPOINTED THE
21 FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE JOSEPHITE PASTORAL CENTER RESEARCH, A
22 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO SERVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
23 CATHOLIC CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS ELECTED
24 SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE JOSEPHITE COMMUNITY AND SERVED TWO
25 TERMS AS SUPERIOR GENERAL AND, AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES, HE



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1 WORKED IN NIGERIA. WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY
2 AND, ALSO, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU IN LOS ANGELES AND
3 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. AND I KNOW YOU HAVE MANY
4 CHALLENGES HERE BUT WE'RE PLEASED THAT YOU'RE HERE WITH US.

5

6 **FATHER KEARNS:** THANK YOU, MISS BURKE, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
18 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H, AND PLEASE NOTE, ON ITEM 1-H,
19 THAT INCLUDES THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,
22 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
25 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
3 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 22,
6 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD
8 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD AND SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM
11 NUMBER 21, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
15 SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO ON 16?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 16, WE WILL WAIT UNTIL SUPERVISOR
20 YAROSLAVSKY RETURNS AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHETHER WE CONTINUE IT
21 OR DISCUSS IT TODAY.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS
24 23 THROUGH 27.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDIT COMMITTEE, ITEMS 28 AND 29.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
7 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 32.
10 ON ITEMS 31 AND 32, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
11 CONTINUANCE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK I WANT TO CONTINUE ALL THREE FOR A
14 WEEK.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 33
21 AND 34. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE. ITEM 34
22 IS BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
25 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 35.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
5 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 36.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, ITEM 37.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 38 THROUGH 48. ON
18 ITEM NUMBER 44, THERE IS NO C.A.O. RECOMMENDATION. IT'S BEFORE
19 YOUR BOARD TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE. AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 48,
20 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER AND WITH THAT NOTE, MOVED
23 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT INCLUDES THE APPROVAL OF ITEM
2 44? IT'S A RETROACTIVE CONTRACT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 49.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 50 AND 51.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 52 THROUGH 87. ON
17 ITEM NUMBER 83, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS REQUESTING A THREE-
18 WEEK CONTINUANCE ONLY ON THE COLD CANYON ROAD PORTION OF THAT
19 ITEM. THE REMAINDER OF IT IS BEFORE YOU WITH THE OTHER ITEMS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNDER-- UNDER ITEM NUMBER 83, THE
22 COLD CANYON ROAD ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS. ON
23 THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEM 88.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
4 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SANITATION DISTRICTS, ITEM NUMBER 89.
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 90 THROUGH 93. ON ITEM
12 NUMBER 92, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE
13 BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY THE CHAIR,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 94 AND
19 95.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 96
2 THROUGH 99. ON ITEM NUMBER 96, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A
3 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
11 SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 100
14 THROUGH 101, AND I'LL READ IT INTO THE RECORD. 100, "AN
15 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE THREE, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND
16 COMMITTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
17 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES." ITEM 101, "AN ORDINANCE
18 AMENDING TITLE 7, BUSINESS LICENSES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 CODE TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL
20 COORDINATING GROUP." THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 102 AND 103. 102
2 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF RIO HONDO
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2004
5 ELECTION SERIES A AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
6 \$58 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
9 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 103, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
12 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
13 AND SALE OF CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL
14 OBLIGATION BONDS 2004 ELECTION, 2004-A, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
15 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
21 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
22 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
23 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
24 ITEM 104-A.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ABSTAIN.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM...

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE ABSTENTION.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH ONE ABSTENTION, TOO.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 104-B, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE
13 PUBLIC. ITEM 10C.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 104-C. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
17 ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 104-D.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
22 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, SINCE SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY IS HERE, DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO AGENDA 16? WE
3 HAD A REQUEST TO CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK OR TO HOLD IT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, YOU HAD REQUESTED ITEM NUMBER 16 BE
6 HELD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTED A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE WEEK IS FINE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
13 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
14 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE PRESENTATIONS?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE LEGACY
19 OWNERS, JENNY ALANDOR, DEBBIE BESHEERS, DEBBIE DEMCOE AND
20 CARLA LEDFORD TO COME FORWARD, ALONG WITH DAVID DORTORT, I
21 THINK, IS HERE? AND THEY HAVE A PRESENTATION TO MAKE TO US. WE
22 ALSO HAVE DANA BLOCKER-ZEEVE AND MR. AND MRS. GARY NICHOLSON.
23 MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE CARLA LEDFORD, WHO IS
24 GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO US. CARLA?

25



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1 **CARLA LEDFORD:** WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING REPRESENTING DAN
2 BLOCKER FANS AROUND THE WORLD TO PRESENT A PLAQUE TO THE CITY
3 OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO HONOR DAN BLOCKER.
4 THE PLAQUE WILL BE PLACED AT DAN BLOCKER BEACH ONCE THE
5 RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. FANS AROUND THE WORLD,
6 OBVIOUSLY, COULDN'T ALL BE HERE TODAY BUT THEY'RE HERE IN
7 SPIRIT AND THEY WANTED US TO LET THE BLOCKER FAMILY KNOW THAT,
8 EVEN THOUGH DAN BLOCKER IS NO LONGER WITH US, THAT HE'S NEVER
9 BEEN FORGOTTEN. AND TODAY WE ARE PRESENTING A MOCKUP OF THE
10 PLAQUE THAT WILL GO ON THE BEACH. [APPLAUSE] .

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I THINK MOST PEOPLE
13 KNOW DAN BLOCKER WAS A STAR OF THE HIT TELEVISION SHOW,
14 BONANZA. THE COUNTY NAMED A BEACH IN MALIBU AFTER HIM. WE ARE
15 VERY HONORED TO HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY, CARLA
16 BEING ONE OF THEM, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED
17 WITH DAN IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER AND WITH BONANZA. WE'RE
18 VERY HONORED TO HAVE THE CREATOR OF BONANZA HERE, WHO IS AN
19 OLD-- WELL, HE'S A YOUNG, LONG-TIME FRIEND OF BARBARA'S AND
20 MINE AND ANY CONSTITUENT, THAT'S. DAVID DORTORT. DAVID, WOULD
21 YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD? [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **DAVID DORTORT:** HI, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS THE--
24 HAVING THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH A FINE GENTLEMAN AND, BY
25 ALL ODDS, ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED ACTORS EVER TO APPEAR ON



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1 THE HOLLYWOOD SCENE. THIS TRIBUTE IS SO WELL DESERVED BUT IT
2 WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE WARMTH, THE
3 FEELING THAT RECOGNITION WAS HIS DUE BUT HAD NOT BEEN QUITE
4 RECEIVED. THERE'S A STRETCH OF BEACH ON THE APPROACH TO MALIBU
5 CALLED THE DAN BLOCKER BEACH ON ALL THE MAPS BUT YOU GET DOWN
6 THERE AND LOOK FOR IT AND THERE'S NOTHING TO IDENTIFY IT AS
7 HAVING ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS GREAT ACTOR. WELL, THAT WASN'T
8 GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE BONANZA GIRLS, WHO, SOME OF THEM ARE
9 REPRESENTED HERE, SOME OF THEM COME FROM ENGLAND TO MAKE THIS
10 PRESENTATION, BUT THEY TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO START THE
11 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO PUT TOGETHER THIS SUITABLE PLAQUE
12 WHICH WILL HONOR AND COMMEMORATE THIS FINE ACTOR'S AND HIS
13 CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT. IT WILL BE A
14 LANDMARK SIGN FOR COMING GENERATIONS VISITING THIS BEACH TO
15 SEE THAT NOW THEY KNOW WHERE DAN BLOCKER'S BEACH IS AND PAY
16 THE SAME KIND OF REVERENCE FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THEY ACTUALLY
17 OCCUPY THAT SPACE. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU BONANZA GIRLS
18 AND THERE ARE A FEW BONANZA MEN AS WELL. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN
19 ANYTHING LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, YOUR LOVE FOR A SHOW, YOUR
20 LOYALTY, IN THE HISTORY OF TELEVISION. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU
21 AND, AS YOU KNOW, I LOVE ALL OF YOU AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
22 FOR MAKING THE EFFORT TODAY TO COME DOWN FOR THIS GREAT
23 OCCASION, TO HONOR DAN. [APPLAUSE]
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1 **DAVID DORTORT:** AND DOLPHIA, DOLPHIA BLOCKER, DAN'S WIFE, SHE
2 SHOULD BE HONORED AS WELL. SHE'S A WONDERFUL LADY AND I WANT
3 TO THANK MY DEAR FRIEND, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOR TAKING
4 THE TIME TO ARRANGE THIS. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, DAVID, AND THANK YOU
7 FOR BRINGING BONANZA TO AMERICA AND TO THE WORLD. IT WAS, I
8 THINK, ONE OF THE GREAT, GREAT SHOWS OF ALL TIME ON
9 TELEVISION. I WANT TO NOW INTRODUCE THE DAUGHTER OF DAN
10 BLOCKER, DANA. I DON'T KNOW, I SHOULD HAVE FIGURED THAT OUT.
11 WITH A NAME LIKE YAROSLAVSKY, IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT
12 COMPLICATED. DANA BLOCKER, WHO IS WITH US AND, DANA, IF YOU'LL
13 GRACE US WITH A FEW WORDS.

14

15 **DANA BLOCKER:** WELL, I HAVE TO HAVE SOME PAPER SO I WON'T
16 FORGET ANYBODY. AGAIN, I'M DANA BLOCKER-ZEEVE AND SOME OF MY
17 FAMILY IS HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF US WERE NOT ABLE TO
18 MAKE IT AND, ON BEHALF OF THOSE HERE AND THOSE NOT HERE, WE
19 WOULD LIKE TO, FIRST OF ALL, EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION
20 TO THE ESTEEMED BOARD FOR MAKING THE TIME TO HAVE THIS EVENT.
21 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO VERY MUCH THANK LEGACY OWNERS, CARLA
22 LEDFORD, JENNY ALANDER, DEBBIE BASHEERS, AS WELL AS DAWN GAYLE
23 FISHER AND PEGGY FOX AND OUR APOLOGIES TO ANYONE THAT I'VE
24 MISSED, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF YOU, FOR THIS VERY
25 LOVELY TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER AND FOR THEIR UNBELIEVABLE EFFORTS



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1 TO PROCURE THIS PLAQUE FOR THE BEACH. AND, OF COURSE, MANY
2 THANKS TO ALL OF THE FANS WHOSE DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
3 MADE IT POSSIBLE. WE APPRECIATE DAVID DORTORT FOR BEING HERE.
4 [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

5

6 **DANA BLOCKER:** AND I WANT TO THANK BOB BOGS BUT I'M NOT SURE
7 THAT HE'S HERE, THE CINEMATOGRAPHER OF BONANZA. WE THANK
8 POSTHUMOUSLY AND IN LOVING MEMORY LORNE GREEN AND MICHAEL
9 LANDON FOR THEIR DONATION OF THE BEACH PROPERTY AND FOR THEIR
10 REQUEST TO NAME IT FOR MY FATHER. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE
11 ARE IN SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FUNDS
12 THAT MADE IT FINALLY POSSIBLE TO OPEN THE DAN BLOCKER BEACH,
13 HOPEFULLY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. MY DAD WOULD HAVE
14 BEEN HONORED AND DEEPLY TOUCHED BY ALL OF THIS. IT'S
15 REMARKABLE THAT, AFTER SO MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED, THERE ARE
16 STILL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO LOVE HIM THIS MUCH.
17 MY DAD RECOGNIZED AND WAS HUMBLLED ALWAYS BY HIS VERY GREAT
18 GOOD FORTUNE IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE. IT WAS PERHAPS THIS
19 HUMILITY AND HIS CONSTANT GRATITUDE FOR HIS LIFE THAT FED HIS
20 HUGE COMPASSION FOR OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN HE IN HIS
21 PARTICIPATION AND CAUSES TO SUPPORT THEM, AS WELL AS HIS
22 EXTREMELY STRONG FEELINGS AND OUTSPOKENNESS AGAINST INJUSTICE
23 ANYWHERE HE ENCOUNTERED IT AND AT ANY TIME. THESE ARE
24 ATTRIBUTES OF MY FATHER, AN UNABASHED LIBERAL AND FREE THINKER
25 OF WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD. BUT WHILE HE WOULD HAVE



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1 BEEN MOVED BY THE HONOR BESTOWED UPON HIM BY NAMING THIS BEACH
2 FOR HIM AND ALL OF THE TRIBUTE TODAY, I THINK HE WOULD
3 PROBABLY ALSO INSIST THAT WE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE REAL
4 SIGNIFICANCE TODAY IS NOT ABOUT HIM. RATHER, IT'S ABOUT MAKING
5 MORE OF OUR COASTLINE SAFELY ACCESSIBLE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF
6 ALL. THE CALIFORNIA COASTLINE IS ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S MOST
7 PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES. MY FATHER LOVED THE OCEAN AND THIS
8 COAST, AS HE DID ALL OF OUR COUNTRY'S GREAT NATURAL SPLENDORS.
9 PERHAPS WOODY GUTHRIE -- ANOTHER OF AMERICA'S TREASURES,
10 DEARLY LOVED BY MY DAD; IN FACT, WE KIDS WERE PRACTICALLY
11 RAISED ON WOODY'S MUSIC -- SAYS IT BEST WITH REGARD TO THE
12 OPENING OF THIS BEACH WITH A SONG THAT WAS ONE OF MY DAD'S
13 FAVORITES, "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND, THIS LAND IS MY LAND, THIS
14 LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME." SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE FANS,
15 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD, AND ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY. [APPLAUSE] . .

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DANA. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL
19 TRIBUTE TO YOUR DAD AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING US HONOR HIM IN
20 THIS WAY AND WE'RE REALLY, REALLY PLEASED THAT THE BEACH WILL
21 SOON BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN A WAY THAT IT
22 DESERVES TO BE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE, I THINK,
23 ANOTHER PRESENTATION AFTER THIS ONE. MAYBE I'LL YIELD TO MR.
24 ANTONOVICH ON THAT, ON THE FOSTER CARE, AND I'LL TAKE SOME



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1 PICTURES HERE. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M SORRY, WE WANTED TO INTRODUCE
2 GARY NICHOLS FOR ONE LAST... [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE LOOKS FAMILIAR.

5

6 **GARY NICHOLS:** THANK YOU. IN 1959, I IMMEDIATELY BECAME
7 ATTACHED TO A WESTERN SHOW, BONANZA. AT THE AGE OF NINE, I
8 WANTED TO BE A CARTWRIGHT. TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, I WANTED TO BE
9 HOSS CARTWRIGHT. I WANTED TO WALK, TALK, EAT, DO EVERYTHING
10 JUST LIKE HOSS. HERE WAS THIS BIG, TALL, STRONG MAN THAT COULD
11 WHIP ANYONE THAT GOT IN HIS WAY. HOSS WAS BIG, HE WAS TALL,
12 AND HE WAS STRONG BUT HE WASN'T OUT TO BULLY HIS WAY AROUND.
13 HE HAD COMPASSION, HE WAS LOVING, KIND, AND GENTLE. THAT IS,
14 UNTIL YOU PUSHED HIM TO HIS LIMIT, THEN WATCH OUT. I WANT TO
15 SHARE JUST A FEW OF MY FAVORITE EPISODES, JUST A FEW. THIS
16 ISN'T NEAR ALL OF THEM, I CAN TELL YOU THAT. ONE OF THE
17 EPISODES, WHICH AIRED THE FIRST YEAR, WAS ONE WHEN BLAKE
18 MCCALL CROSSES THE PONDEROSA ON HIS WAY TO CALIFORNIA. BLAKE'S
19 BUSINESS IS HYDRAULIC MINING, WHICH DESTROYS THE LAND, AND BEN
20 ORDERS BLAKE OFF HIS LAND. BUT BLAKE'S PARTNER, JOHN
21 PENNINGTON, EXPLAINS THAT HE IS BRINGING HIS SISTER, EMILY, TO
22 A BETTER CLIMATE TO CURE HER RESPIRATORY DISEASE. BEN ASKS
23 HOSS TO ESCORT THEM ACROSS THE PONDEROSA. AT FIRST, EMILY
24 WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH HOSS BUT, AS SHE GETS TO KNOW HIM,
25 SHE FALLS IN LOVE WITH HIM AND HOSS FALLS IN LOVE WITH HER BUT



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1 LATER LEARNS SHE JUST HAS A MONTH OR TWO TO LIVE. I CAN
2 REMEMBER WATCHING THAT EPISODE AND CRYING, WHEN HOSS FOUND OUT
3 THAT EMILY WAS GOING TO DIE. AT THE AGE OF NINE, HOSS WAS
4 ALREADY REAL TO ME. I FELT THE HURT THAT HE FELT. THERE'S
5 ANOTHER EPISODE, A PINK CLOUD COMES FROM OLD CATHAY, WHICH
6 AIRED APRIL 12, 1964. ANOTHER EPISODE OF MY FAVORITES WAS WHEN
7 HOSS ORDERS FIREWORKS FROM THE YIPPEE TRADING COMPANY CANTON,
8 CHINA, BUT GETS A CHINESE BRIDE INSTEAD OF THE FIREWORKS. I
9 CAN STILL SEE THE LOOK ON HOSS' FACE WHEN HE REALIZES HE GOT A
10 BRIDE INSTEAD OF FIREWORKS. THEN THERE'S THE TIME WHEN HOSS
11 AND JOE BRING HOME AN ELEPHANT IN THE EPISODE, "OLD SHEBA."
12 DAN BLOCKER WAS KNOWN TO COME TO THE RESCUE IF AN ANIMAL GOT
13 HURT ON THE SET OF BONANZA. THE STORY IS TOLD OF HOW, ONE
14 TIME, A CALF GOT HURT IN THE FILMING OF A CATTLE STAMPEDE. DAN
15 RAN OVER TO THE CALF, PICKED UP AND CARRIED THE 175-POUND CALF
16 TO HIS SPORTS CAR. IT WAS A TIGHT FIT BUT HE MANAGED TO GET IN
17 BOTH HIMSELF AND THE CALF IN THE CAR AND OFF TO THE VETERINARY
18 HE DROVE. DAN BLOCKER WAS ONCE QUOTED AS SAYING, "I'LL GO DEER
19 HUNTING WHEN THE DEER LEARN TO SHOOT BACK." HOSS CARTWRIGHT
20 HAD A KIND HEART FOR ANIMALS, TOO. IN THE EPISODE, "THE
21 PONDEROSA EXPLOSION" THAT AIRED JANUARY 1ST, 1967, HOSS AND
22 JOE DECIDED THEY WERE GOING TO RAISE GERBI RABBITS TO SELL TO
23 MAKE FUR COATS FOR WOMEN. THE RABBITS MULTIPLIED FASTER THAN
24 HOSS AND JOE THOUGHT POSSIBLE AND STARTED TO TAKE OVER THE
25 PONDEROSA. BEN ORDERS THEM TO GET RID OF THE RABBITS. JOE



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1 DECIDES TO START SKINNING THE RABBITS BUT HOSS WON'T LET HIM
2 BECAUSE HE HAD GROWN FOND OF THE RABBITS. SO HOSS PUTS JOE IN
3 A RABBIT CAGE AND BEN HAS TO COME TO JOE'S RESCUE. OF COURSE,
4 MY FAVORITE EPISODE OF ALL IS HOSS AND THE LEPRECHAUNS. [
5 INTERJECTIONS - SOUNDS OF AGREEMENT]

6

7 **GARY NICHOLS:** MUST BE YOURS, TOO. MY FAVORITE SCENE IN THIS
8 PARTICULAR EPISODE WAS WHEN HOSS STAYS AFTER EVERYBODY HAS
9 GIVEN UP LOOKING FOR THESE LITTLE GREEN MEN. HOSS IS OUT IN A
10 GROVE OF TREES CARRYING A STICK, CALLING FOR THESE LITTLE
11 GREEN MEN. "YOO-HOO, YOO-HOO, WHERE ARE YOU?" MEANWHILE, BEN
12 HAS SENT LITTLE JOE TO BRING HOSS HOME FOR SUPPER. JOE RIDES
13 UP AND SEES HOSS OUT HUNTING FOR THESE LITTLE GREEN MEN AND
14 DECIDES TO HAVE SOME FUN. HOSS CALLS FOR THE LITTLE GREEN MEN
15 AND JOE DECIDES TO ANSWER BACK. "YOO-HOO, YOO-HOO." [LIGHT
16 LAUGHTER]

17

18 **GARY NICHOLS:** SO, HOSS, THINKING HE'S FOUND ONE OF THESE
19 LITTLE GREEN MEN, ANSWERS BACK. "YOO-HOO, YOO-HOO. WHERE ARE
20 YOU?" AND LITTLE JOE ANSWERS BACK, "I'M OVER HERE. HOSS SENT
21 ME HERE TO BRING YOU HOME TO SUPPER." WELL, YOU CAN IMAGINE
22 HOSS' REPLY, "DAD BURN THAT LITTLE JOE." THEN LITTLE JOE IS
23 ROLLING ON THE GROUND WITH THAT FAMOUS LITTLE GIGGLE. I GUESS
24 I LIKE THAT PART BECAUSE, HAVING THREE BROTHERS WHILE GROWING
25 UP, I COULD SEE ANYONE OF THEM DOING THAT TO ME. HOSS AND THE



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1 LEPRECHAUNS WAS ALSO ONE OF DAN BLOCKER'S FAVORITE EPISODES
2 BECAUSE OF THE SPEECH AT THE END OF THE EPISODE. THEY ARE
3 GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE AND HOSS SAYS, "YOU'VE
4 NOTICED THESE MEN ARE A WHOLE LOT LOWER THAN YOU ARE. WELL,
5 I'VE NOTICED THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY REASON
6 TO TREAT THEM ANY DIFFERENT." DAN WAS ALSO ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS.
7 IN FACT, HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HERE IN
8 CALIFORNIA IN THE MIDDLE '60S, AND HE THOUGHT EVERYBODY OUGHT
9 TO BE TREATED THE SAME. DAN BLOCKER LIKED TO HAVE FUN, TOO.
10 THE STORY IS TOLD AT THE BONANZA CONVENTION THAT, WHEN THEY
11 WERE ALL ON THE SET GETTING READY TO FILM A SCENE, THIS MUSIC
12 WAS PLAYING. THE MUSIC WAS DRIVING THE SOUND PEOPLE CRAZY.
13 THEY WERE DOUBLE-CHECKING THE CONTROLS AND EVERYTHING.
14 FINALLY, HOSS, DAN BLOCKER CONFESSES, HE KNOWS WHAT THE
15 PROBLEM IS. HE HAS A SMALL TRANSISTOR RADIO UNDER HIS HAT. IN
16 MAY OF 1972, WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS OF DAN BLOCKER'S PASSING, I
17 WAS STUNNED. I KNEW, WITHOUT DAN BLOCKER PLAYING THE PART OF
18 HOSS CARTWRIGHT, THAT WATCHING BONANZA WOULD NEVER BE THE
19 SAME. I FELT AS THOUGH I HAD LOST A BIG BROTHER. DAVID DORTORT
20 ANNOUNCED THAT DAN BLOCKER WOULD NOT BE REPLACED ON BONANZA.
21 IT WAS NEVER EVEN AN OPTION TO REPLACE HIM. THERE MUST HAVE
22 BEEN A LOT OF FANS, BONANZA FANS, WHO FELT THE SAME WAY I DID
23 BECAUSE BONANZA DIDN'T LAST THE WHOLE SEASON WITHOUT HOSS
24 CARTWRIGHT. HE WAS TOO MUCH A PART OF THE SHOW TO GO ON
25 WITHOUT HIM. I NEVER GOT TO PERSONALLY MEET DAN BLOCKER. SINCE



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1 DAN BLOCKER'S DEATH, I'VE LEARNED BY THE ARTICLES I'VE READ
2 AND THE STORIES I'VE HEARD OF BONANZA, AT THE BONANZA
3 CONVENTIONS IN 1999 AND 2002, THAT ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS
4 ABOUT HOSS CARTWRIGHT THAT I LIKED WERE IN DAN BLOCKER. HE WAS
5 FUN, LOVING, COMPASSIONATE, KIND, AND CARING. I HAVE YET TO
6 READ OR HEAR ANYBODY THAT WORKED WITH DAN BLOCKER SAY THEY
7 DIDN'T ENJOY WORKING WITH HIM. IN 1959, WHEN I START WATCHING
8 BONANZA, I HAD ONE HERO: HOSS CARTWRIGHT. NOW I HAVE TWO
9 HEROES: HOSS CARTWRIGHT AND DAN BLOCKER. YOU SEE,
10 UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETIMES, WE WATCH SOMEONE PORTRAY A CHARACTER
11 AND BECOME VERY FOND OF THAT CHARACTER, ONLY TO BE
12 DISAPPOINTED IN REAL LIFE OF THE PERSON PLAYING THAT PART. IN
13 THIS CASE, THAT COULDN'T BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH. MRS.
14 BLOCKER WAS ONCE QUOTED AS SAYING, "A KINDER MAN WAS NEVER
15 BORN THAN DAN BLOCKER." DAN BLOCKER WAS NOT ONLY GENTLE, KIND
16 TO PEOPLE AND, YES, EVEN TO ANIMALS, BUT HE TREATED HIS WIFE
17 LIKE A QUEEN AND DEARLY LOVED HIS CHILDREN, AND HE TRULY WAS A
18 FAMILY MAN. WHENEVER I GET TO WEAR MY HOSS HAT AND MY VEST, I
19 FEEL VERY HONORED WHEN SOMEBODY COMES UP TO ME AND SAYS, "HI,
20 HOSS," OR ASKS, "HOW ARE THINGS ON THE PONDEROSA?" BY MY
21 PORTRAYING HOSS, THE HERO HE WAS TO ME, I HOPE I CAN HELP KEEP
22 ALIVE THE MEMORIES OF BONANZA AND THE CARTWRIGHTS. THANK YOU.
23 [APPLAUSE]
24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, GARY. AND THANK ALL OF THE
2 BONANZA FAMILY, EXTENDED BONANZA FAMILY WHO ARE HERE. QUITE A
3 NUMBER OF THEM ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE AS WELL. AND, DAVID,
4 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL JUST
5 TAKE ONE PICTURE AND THEN I HAVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION. MR.
6 CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE DO THE FOSTER CARE, LET ME MAKE ONE MORE
7 PRESENTATION TO CAROL GUNTER. CAROL, IF YOU'LL COME UP HERE,
8 ALONG WITH RAY MOZAC, DAVE AUSTIN, DAVE PINKNEY. I WANT TO
9 PRESENT A SCROLL AND, WHILE THEY'RE WALKING UP, I'LL JUST
10 BEGIN THE PRESENTATION, A SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY
11 MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK AND TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH, MAY 16TH
12 THROUGH MAY 22ND. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES E.M.S. IS A
13 SAFETY NET FOR THE NATION'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. EFFECTIVE
14 E.M.S. CARE IMPROVES THE SURVIVAL AND RECOVERY OF THE ILL OR
15 INJURED. THE E.M.S. SYSTEM COMPRISES A COMMUNITY OF DOCTORS,
16 NURSES, E.M.T.S, PARAMEDICS, FIREFIGHTERS, LIFEGUARDS,
17 EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHERS WHO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE
18 LIFESAVING CARE INTO THE PUBLIC AROUND THE CLOCK AND EACH
19 COMPONENT HAS AN ESSENTIAL JOB TO PERFORM AS PART OF A
20 COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE. IT'S RECOGNIZED THAT THE MEMBERS
21 OF THE E.M.S. COMMISSION SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO GUIDE
22 AND SUPPORT THE SYSTEM WITH VALUABLE MEDICAL AND
23 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERTISE. THE E.M.S. COMMUNITY WORKS DAILY TO
24 REDUCE THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF TRAUMATIC INJURY THROUGH
25 RESEARCH, EDUCATION, INJURY PREVENTION, AND CARE. THE



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1 DEDICATED WORK OF THE E.M.S. PROVIDERS AND THE E.M.S.
2 COMMISSION IS RECOGNIZED BY DESIGNATING MAY AS TRAUMA
3 AWARENESS MONTH AND THE WEEK OF MAY 16TH THROUGH 22ND AS
4 E.M.S. WEEK AND THAT INJURY PREVENTION AND AN EFFECTIVE E.M.S.
5 SYSTEM CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHIER AMERICA. NOW, THEREFORE, BE
6 IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 16TH THROUGH 22ND,
8 2004, AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK AND THE MONTH OF MAY
9 AS TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. CAROL,
10 IF YOU'LL JOIN ME HERE FOR A SECOND, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS
11 PRESENTATION TO YOU AND I THINK EVERYBODY HERE ON THIS BOARD,
12 CERTAINLY IN THE COUNTY FAMILY, AND I THINK MOST ANGELINOS
13 KNOW FULL WELL WHAT A BLESSING WE HAVE IN THE E.M.S. SYSTEM OF
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS STRESSED AND AS STRAINED AS IT IS, THE
15 PEOPLE HAVE SUPPORTED IT, NOT ONLY WITH THEIR POCKETBOOKS, BUT
16 WITH VOLUNTEERISM AND ALL KINDS OF PARTNERSHIPS AROUND THE
17 COUNTY. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN LOS ANGELES, VERY BLESSED TO
18 HAVE AN E.M.S. SYSTEM THROUGH YOUR AGENCY, THE FIRE
19 DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES THAT MAKE UP THE
20 COUNTY AND THE VARIOUS TRAUMA CENTERS AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS,
21 EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDERS THAT WE HAVE. THANK YOU FOR WHAT
22 YOU DO AND I HOPE THIS IS A SUCCESSFUL MONTH AND THAT WE MAKE
23 PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF THE GREAT GIFT WE DO HAVE HERE IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **CAROL GUNTER:** I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE
3 SUPPORT OF THE E.M.S. SYSTEM. I REALLY WANT TO ACCEPT THIS
4 SCROLL ON BEHALF OF ALL THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, THE
5 PARAMEDICS, THE NURSES AND THE DOCTORS THAT ARE OUT THERE
6 SAVING LIVES IN THE FIELD, IN THE EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND IN THE
7 OPERATING ROOMS EVERY SINGLE DAY. OUR E.M.S. COMMISSION IS A
8 GROUP OF 17 MEMBERS THAT VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME ON BEHALF OF
9 VERY IMPORTANT CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES AND WE HAVE THREE
10 OF OUR MEMBERS HERE TODAY. I'M VERY PLEASED THAT THEY ARE HERE
11 TO ACCEPT THIS, AS WELL, ON BEHALF OF THAT COMMISSION THAT HAS
12 BEEN VERY POWERFUL, VERY HELPFUL IN GIVING US DIRECTION TO
13 DEVELOP OUR E.M.S. SYSTEM ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
14 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE ALSO JOINED BY
17 DR. TOM GARTHWAITE, OUR DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
18 SERVICES, AND ALL THE OTHERS. AND THIS IS NOT DAVE BUT DOVE SO
19 THIS IS WHAT-- SPELL CHECK DIDN'T PICK THAT UP. [LIGHT
20 LAUGHTER]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL OF YOU. OKAY. [
23 APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WANT TO PRESENT-- MIKE, DO
2 YOU WANT TO JOIN ME ON THIS? MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'RE GOING TO,
3 HOPEFULLY, ONCE WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, AFTER WE HEAR THE
4 TESTIMONY, THAT I EXPECT THAT WE ARE GOING TO DECLARE THIS
5 MONTH AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH, UNLESS WE ARE PERSUADED
6 OTHERWISE. BUT WE ARE VERY HONORED TO HAVE A NUMBER OF GUESTS
7 WITH US THIS MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME PRESENTATIONS
8 TO SOME OF THE HEROES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FOSTER CARE
9 SYSTEM. WE ARE HONORING FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAVE OVERCOME
10 TREMENDOUS OBSTACLES AND ARE NOT ONLY SUCCESSFUL BUT ARE
11 DEDICATED TO SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES IN VARIOUS WAYS. WE ARE
12 ALSO HONORING ADVOCATES, SOCIAL WORKERS, A FOSTER MOTHER, AND
13 A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, WHO ARE MAKING SUBSTANTIAL
14 CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.
15 BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WANT TO ASK MIRIAM CORENSKI TO COME
16 FORWARD TO MAKE THE FIRST PRESENTATION. MIRIAM, WHERE ARE YOU?
17 THERE YOU ARE. COME ON UP.

18

19 **MIRIAM CORENSKI:** THANK YOU. IT'S OUR PLEASURE THIS MONTH TO
20 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE AND CAST A SPOTLIGHT ON 30,000
21 CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED AND WHO
22 ALL OF US, AS A COMMUNITY, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PARENT.
23 THIS MONTH, WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE
24 THE EXAMPLES OF THESE UNSUNG HEROES WHO WILL BE RECEIVING
25 AWARDS TODAY, USE THEIR EXAMPLES TO DO MORE TO CHANGE FOR THE



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1 BETTER THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK, ON
2 BEHALF OF ALL OF THE HEROES WHO WILL BE PRESENTED AWARDS AND
3 INTRODUCED TO YOU IN A FEW MOMENTS, I'D LIKE TO ASK JULIZA
4 PEREZ, WHO IS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND ONE OF OUR HONOREES
5 HERE TODAY, TO SAY A FEW WORDS AND ACCEPT THE HONORS THAT ARE
6 GOING TO BE BESTOWED TODAY ON ALL OF THESE HEROES. JULIZA IS A
7 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND SHE REALLY SHOWS WHAT SPIRIT EXISTS
8 AND WHAT RESILIENCE EXISTS IN THE CHILDREN IN OUR SYSTEM.

9

10 **JULIZA PEREZ:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FOSTER KIDS
11 STILL IN FOSTER CARE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPPORTING
12 COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THIS AWARD AND THIS AWARD LETS THE FOSTER
13 CARE, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY, KNOW THAT SUCCESS
14 IS A REACHABLE GOAL. BECAUSE FOSTER KIDS DO NOT HAVE THE
15 FAMILY TO HELP THEM IMAGINE AND REALIZE THEIR GOALS, CARING
16 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR
17 THESE KIDS' SUCCESS. THEY WERE TO ME. MY SUCCESS HAS DEPENDED
18 AND CONTINUES TO RELY ON INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT
19 SUPPORTED ME WHEN I FELT LIKE QUITTING, ENCOURAGED ME WHEN I
20 WAS DOWN, AND PUSHED ME TO GREATER HEIGHTS. THESE INDIVIDUALS
21 AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT STRANGERS. THEY HAVE BECOME MY
22 EXTENDED FAMILY. THEY AND YOU ARE THE ROCK I CONTINUE TO RELY
23 ON. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JULIZA IS A PHI BETA KAPPA STUDENT IN MASS
2 COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIOLOGY AT U.C. BERKELEY. WHAT YEAR ARE
3 YOU IN? SENIOR. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE GRADUATING NEXT WEEK? DECEMBER. NOW,
6 WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WHEN MY SON IS UP STUDYING FOR FINALS?
7 I DON'T KNOW BUT THAT'S WHY YOU'RE PHI BETA KAPPA. [LIGHT
8 LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS
11 PROCLAMATION, JULIZA. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH IF HE'D LIKE TO SAY COUPLE WORDS BEFORE WE MAKE THE
15 REST OF THE PRESENTATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, EARLIER THIS MORNING, SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH JUDGE MICHAEL
19 NASH OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ALONG WITH MIRIAM AND THE AWARDEES
20 THIS MORNING. AND THIS IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND
21 THIS IS REALLY FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH. WE HAVE ABOUT
22 28,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. IF YOU PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER
23 AND MADE THEM ON INCORPORATED CITY, THEY'D BE LARGER THAN 31
24 OTHER L.A. COUNTY CITIES TODAY, TWICE THE SIZE OF MALIBU. SO
25 YOU CAN SEE THE RECOGNITION THAT WE NEED TO BRING OUT TO THE



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1 COMMUNITY TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED, ENCOURAGE OUR FAITH-BASED
2 COMMUNITIES, OUR CHURCHES AND OUR SYNAGOGUES TO GET INVOLVED
3 IN PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOSTER PARENTS TO COME
4 FORWARD SO THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE A FOUNDATION THAT
5 THEY CAN BUILD UPON AND THEN GO OUT IN THE WORLD AND BECOME
6 THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO FIND THE CURES FOR THE INCURABLE
7 DISEASES AND FIND THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CLASSROOM TO
8 MOTIVATE THE CHILDREN OF TOMORROW AND TO PROVIDE THAT STABLE
9 RELATIONSHIP IN A COMMUNITY WHICH TAKES STRONG PUBLIC/PRIVATE
10 PARTICIPATION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE INSTEAD OF HAVING
11 A SOCIETY OF NO HOPE, WHERE ALL THEY HAVE IS THE COUNTY
12 CORONER OR THE COUNTY SHERIFF. AND, BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE
13 ARE ABLE TO DO THIS. AND I USED THE ANALOGY EARLIER THIS
14 MORNING, REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM ONCE SAID, IF EVERY CHURCH AND
15 SYNAGOGUE IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD TAKE IN 10 FAMILIES WHO
16 ARE ON WELFARE, YOU COULD ELIMINATE WELFARE. WELL, IF WE COULD
17 ENGAGE EVERY CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO
18 COME FORWARD AND FIND A HOME, FOSTER PARENTS FOR THESE
19 CHILDREN, WE COULD ELIMINATE THIS LARGE CASELOAD AND PROVIDE A
20 FUTURE, A GREAT FUTURE, THE 21ST CENTURY OF LEADERS THAT WILL
21 HELP CHALLENGE US IN FINDING ANSWERS TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS
22 THAT WE HAVE BY BEING STABLE, RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS, WHICH
23 THIS SOCIETY NEEDS IF WE'RE GOING TO SUSTAIN OUR WAY OF LIFE.
24
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MIKE. [APPLAUSE]



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WE WANT TO HONOR A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THIS MORNING WHO, IN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL WAYS, HAVE MADE A REAL COMMUNAL CONTRIBUTION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO OUR COMMUNITY. FIRST IS JESSICA AMBROSE. JESSICA? JESSICA, AS A CHILD, BOUNCED AROUND TO MANY HOMELESS SHELTERS WITH HER MENTALLY ILL MOTHER AND THEN SHE WAS BROUGHT INTO THE SYSTEM, WHERE SHE BOUNCED AROUND TO MANY FOSTER HOMES. SHE WAS ALWAYS FOCUSED ON SCHOOL AND MAINTAINED GOOD GRADES. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN SPANISH AND A MASTER'S DEGREE AND IS NOW PURSUING HER LCSW. AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, JESSICA TAKES A SPECIAL INTEREST IN EVERY FAMILY SHE WORKS WITH, AND SHE OFTEN ACCOMPANIES CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, OBTAINS NEEDED BEDS OR BUS PASSES FOR THEM. IN MARCH, SHE RAN THE L.A. MARATHON IN HONOR OF THE FAMILY SHE WORKS WITH AND SHE RAISED MONEY FOR THE D.C.F.S. CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND. SHE'S AN INSPIRATION FOR OTHER FOSTER AND EMANCIPATED YOUTH. AND, JESSICA, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SHE'S GOING TO DO THE MARATHON AGAIN. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR TRISH CURRY. SHE'S NOT ABLE TO BE WITH US THIS MORNING. I THINK WE ALL KNOW TRISH AND HER UNTIRING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY IS LEGEND AND WE WILL PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO HER AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME



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1 BUT WE DID WANT TO MENTION TRISH CURRY. NEXT IS ROBERT
2 HIRSCHBORN. ROBERT IS A D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKER. ROBERT, WHERE
3 ARE YOU? COME ON UP. FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, HE'S BEEN
4 SUCCESSFUL IN REUNIFYING MANY CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS,
5 CREATING SAFETY PLANS TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN ARE SAFE AT
6 HOME AND COMING UP WITH CREATIVE VISITATION PLANS. HE
7 ESTABLISHED A PROTOCOL FOR ASSISTING EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH
8 AND ESTABLISHING SHORT-TERM GOALS AND FUTURE LIFE PLANS.
9 ROBERT REMAINS IN CONTACT WITH MANY OF THE YOUTH HE WORKS WITH
10 AND THEY CONSIDER HIM TO BE A MENTOR AND A FRIEND. ROBERT,
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE KIDS. [
12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OUR NEXT RECIPIENT IS RASHAD MCALLISTER. I
15 DON'T THINK RASHAD WAS ABLE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING BUT HE
16 OVERCAME A VERY DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD AND WAS ABLE TO
17 SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATE FROM CASA LOMA COLLEGE TO BE A NURSE'S
18 AIDE. AND HE'S WORKED AS A SECURITY GUARD TO SUPPORT HIMSELF.
19 HE IS A SUCCESS STORY AND WE WILL PRESENT RASHAD WITH HIS
20 PROCLAMATION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. SO THANK YOU TO HIM IN
21 ABSENTIA. NEXT IS ELVIRA RODRIGUEZ. ELVIRA? FOR 30 YEARS,
22 ELVIRA HAS PROVIDED FOSTER CARE FOR SIX TEENAGE GIRLS AT A
23 TIME. MANY OF THESE TEENS ARE MOTHERS AND ELVIRA PROVIDES A
24 POSITIVE PARENTING EXAMPLE FOR THEM. ELVIRA ALSO GIVES THESE
25 PARENTING FOSTER YOUTH CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO BE A



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1 PARENT. SHE ENCOURAGES THE YOUNG MOTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 SCHOOL, THERAPY, VISITS WITH SIBLINGS, AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.
3 ELVIRA IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF GENERATIONAL
4 FOSTER CARE AND SHE HAS DONE MORE THAN HER FAIR SHARE. SO,
5 ELVIRA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND CONTINUE
6 TO DO. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AARON RUBEN. WHY DON'T YOU STAY RIGHT THERE.
9 STAY RIGHT THERE AND WE'LL PRESENT IT TO YOU. MR. RUBEN IS 90
10 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN A COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR
11 FOSTER CHILDREN FOR 16 YEARS. HE STARTED A NEW CAREER AT THE
12 AGE OF 74. THERE'S HOPE FOR ALL OF US. HE CREATE AN
13 IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY CAMP FOR FOSTER YOUTH AT MACLAREN
14 CHILDREN'S CENTER. MR. RUBEN ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND
15 FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE AND, AFTER NEARLY
16 TWO DECADES ADVOCATING FOR FOSTER YOUTH, HE SHOWS NO SIGN OF
17 SLOWING DOWN. SO, AARON, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION AND
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, WOODLAND
22 HILLS ROTARY CLUB. DON SCHULTZ AND SHERRY POLLOCK, WHO ARE
23 GOING TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE WOODLAND HILLS ROTARY CLUB,
24 HI. THE WOODLAND HILLS ROTARY CLUB HAS BEEN SUPPORTING FOSTER
25 YOUTH IN THE SAN FERNANDO, SANTA CLARITA AND SAN GABRIEL



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1 VALLEYS FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS. THE WOODLAND HILLS ROTARIANS
2 HAVE PROVIDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, SPONSORED EVENTS AND
3 CONTRIBUTED FOOD AND GIFTS TO FOSTER KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
4 RECENTLY, THE ROTARIANS PURCHASED A SPECIAL HELMET WHICH MEDI-
5 CAL WOULD NOT PAY FOR, FOR AN INFANT BORN WITH A MISSHAPEN
6 HEAD WHO HAD BEEN ADOPTED FROM FOSTER CARE. THIS CLUB'S
7 OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN
8 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF FOSTER CHILDREN. THE
9 WOODLAND HILLS ROTARY CLUB HAS CERTAINLY MADE A DIFFERENCE. WE
10 THANK YOU FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHERRY SAYS THERE ARE 76 PEOPLE WHO WORKED
13 ON THIS PROJECT FOR THE WOODLAND HILLS ROTARY CLUB. THAT'S
14 VOLUNTEERISM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DAVID SANDERS, WOULD YOU JOIN US AND SAY A
17 FEW WORDS? HEAD OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
18 SERVICES.

19

20 **DAVID SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING. AND I JUST AM VERY PROUD FOR THE
21 KIND OF WORK THAT IS DONE AND I THINK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
22 BOARD, IN HONORING AND PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CHILDREN THAT HAVE
23 BEEN PART OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THOSE WHO HAVE
24 SUPPORTED THOSE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, I THINK THE
25 LEADERSHIP EXEMPLIFIED BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND



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1 ANTONOVICH IN BRINGING FORTH THE SCROLL AND PROCLAMATION IS
2 JUST REFLECTIVE OF THEIR SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE
3 BOARD OF KIDS IN CARE. AND, PARTICULARLY, WANT TO THANK AGAIN
4 THE HONOREES FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN DEDICATING THEIR LIVES
5 TO SUPPORTING YOUTH OR IN OVERCOMING OBSTACLES FOR SUCCESS IN
6 THE CASE OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
7 CONTINUING TO DO THE KIND OF WORK EXEMPLIFIED BY THOSE WHO ARE
8 HONORED TODAY AND, ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM. THANK
9 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU BOTH AND THANK YOU TO
12 OUR HONOREES. IT'S MY PLEASURE NOW TO WELCOME ALVARADO
13 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER JUDY KNEE,
14 SUPERINTENDENT RON LEON, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT TONY SANTA
15 RUFO, NANCY PADILLA, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL AND FROM ROWLAND
16 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALVARADO MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN NAMED
17 ONE OF THE BEST MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF
18 CALIFORNIA. THE SCHOOL, WHICH SERVES 1,180 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE
19 STUDENTS SPEAKING-- IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE.
20 THE SCHOOL, WHICH SERVES 1,180 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE STUDENTS
21 SPEAKING 26 DIFFERENT NATIVE LANGUAGES WAS ONE OF THE THREE
22 STATEWIDE HONOREES OF THE 2004 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH
23 TAKING CENTER STAGE PROGRAM. CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH
24 TAKING CENTER STAGE IS A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THE CALIFORNIA
25 MIDDLE GRADES ALLIANCE. THERE ARE VERY STRICT ELIGIBILITY



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1 CRITERIA, AS WELL AS WRITTEN APPLICATIONS THAT WERE RESTRICTED
2 TO SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCORES.
3 ALVARADO REPRESENTS EXAMPLES OF HIGH PERFORMING MIDDLE SCHOOL
4 THAT MEET THE CHALLENGE OF EDUCATING A BROAD, DIVERSE GROUP OF
5 STUDENTS. ALVARADO IS A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AND CALIFORNIA
6 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL, THE TOP AWARDS GIVEN BY THE CALIFORNIA
7 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
8 SO, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO
9 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 FAMILY AND IN RECOGNITION, AS WELL, OF THEIR-- OF ALVARADO
11 MIDDLE SCHOOL BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 2004 CALIFORNIA
12 SCHOOLS TO WATCH TAKING CENTER STAGE AWARD WINNERS. THIS
13 ACCOMPLISHMENT, OBVIOUSLY, IS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT EFFORT ON
14 BEHALF OF ALVARADO, WHICH SERVES AS A MODEL FOR OTHER SCHOOLS
15 TO VISIT AND TO EMULATE. SO, TO THE ROWLAND FAMILY,
16 CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **NANCY PADILLA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NANCY PADILLA. I'M THE
19 PRINCIPAL AT ALVARADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND, ON BEHALF OF
20 ALVARADO AND THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I'D LIKE TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
22 ACKNOWLEDGING US TODAY. AS ONE OF ONLY THREE SCHOOLS TO WATCH
23 IN THE WHOLE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO
24 BRING THIS HONOR BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 AS THE ONLY SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 ACKNOWLEDGE MY TEAM UP HERE BECAUSE ANYBODY WHO'S CRAZY ENOUGH
2 TO WORK IN JUNIOR HIGH AND WORK WITH 12, 13, AND 14-YEAR-OLDS
3 DAY IN AND DAY OUT KNOWS THAT YOU HAVE TO WORK AS A TEAM OR
4 YOU GO INSANE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST INTRODUCE AND THANK,
5 WITH ALL THE DISTRICT SUPPORT, MY BOSS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT
6 DR. SANTA RUFO, AND NEXT TO HIM ARE MY TWO VICE PRINCIPALS,
7 MAUREEN WILLIAMS AND NANCY HAMPER. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **NANCY PADILLA:** AND MO. AND THEN IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO
10 ACKNOWLEDGE BARBARA CHRISTIANO. SHE'S A 39-YEAR VETERAN
11 TEACHER AT ALVARADO TEACHING CHORAL MUSIC. SHE CAN GET 13-
12 YEAR-OLDS TO SING AND DANCE AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL.
13 SHE'S GOING TO BE RETIRING THIS YEAR. WE CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO
14 IMAGINE HOW WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE HER. AND, ALSO, I'D LIKE TO
15 INTRODUCE GLORIA BOYER, OUR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.
16 SO, TOGETHER, WE'RE A DYNAMITE TEAM AND WE'RE VERY PROUD TO
17 ACCEPT THIS HONOR. SO... [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **NANCY PADILLA:** ...WE JUST WANT TO SAY WE WELCOME ANY SCHOOL
20 VISITORS AT ANY TIME AND WE'D LOVE TO SHARE WHAT WE DO BECAUSE
21 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP CINDY KIRKLEY,
24 WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, NORMAN SUE, AND
25 SCHOOL BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT, SANDY JOHNSON, SCHOOL BOARD



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1 CLERK, DR. JOSEPH CHANG, SUPERINTENDENT EDWARD LEE VARGAS AND
2 DR. CINDIE BELONGIA, PRESIDENT OF GLEN A. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL
3 IN THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I THINK I
4 FORGOT IT TELL YOU THIS MORNING, MY BROTHER GRADUATED FROM
5 GLEN A. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. TODAY, WE ARE
6 HONORING CINDY KIRKLEY, GLEN A. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL DANCE
7 DIRECTOR, WHOSE DANCE TEAM, THE WILD CATETTES. THEY WON THE
8 COVETED NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION MAGNA AWARD. THE
9 WILD CATETTES DANCE TEAM THEME OF UNDERSTANDING WORLD WAR II
10 THROUGH DANCE, A PROGRAM THAT WAS DEVELOPED TO HONOR VETERANS
11 ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR, WAS CHOSEN FROM
12 THOUSANDS OF PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT OUR UNITED STATES. SO IT WAS
13 MY PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL, AS WELL, TO FUND A GRANT
14 TO CINDY AND HER DANCE TEAM FOR THE STATE AND NATIONAL AWARD-
15 WINNING PROGRAM. THE WILD CATETTES WERE ALSO NOMINATED FOR THE
16 PRESTIGIOUS 2003 CALIFORNIA STATE SCHOOL BOARD GOLDEN BELL
17 AWARD AND WERE INCLUDED IN OUR 2004 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSIC
18 CENTER BRAVO HONORABLE MENTION AWARD. I WOULD JUST ADD, ONE OF
19 THE OTHER THINGS I LEARNED THIS MORNING, THEY NOT ONLY DANCED
20 AND SANG AND DID ALL THOSE OTHER THINGS BUT THEY EACH HAD TO
21 WRITE A REPORT OF THROUGHOUT WORLD WAR II AND IT GAVE A REAL
22 CONNECTION, AS I UNDERSTAND, BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR
23 GRANDPARENTS AND OTHERS. SO THIS IS NOT JUST DISTINCTLY AN
24 AWARD-WINNING DANCE TEAM BUT A GREAT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AS
25 WELL. CINDY HERSELF IS MOST PROUD OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH



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1 SHE HAS INSTILLED IN HER STUDENTS, THEIR COMMITMENT TO
2 TEAMMANSHIP, THEIR FAIRNESS, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT
3 TOWARDS OTHERS, FOLLOWING SCHOOL RULES AND THE LAWS OF OUR
4 COMMUNITY ARE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS GREAT DANCE TEAM. SO,
5 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE WANT TO
6 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO CINDY IN RECOGNITION OF HER DANCE TEAM,
7 THE WILD CATETTES, WINNING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MAGNA
8 AWARD AS WELL AS MANY OTHER AWARDS. SO CINDY, CONGRATULATIONS,
9 AND A JOB WELL DONE. WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE DANCE TEAM HERE. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE MOM HERE, TOO, SO WELCOME TO
13 MOM. ALL RIGHT? [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **CINDY KIRKLEY:** I GET THE CREDIT BUT IT'S REALLY A VILLAGE.
16 IT'S THE PARENTS, IT'S THE COMMUNITY, IT'S THE SUPERVISORS WHO
17 HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE OF THE ARTS THROUGH THE YEARS. SOME
18 DAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND WE'RE NOT
19 EVER GOING TO GIVE UP ON THAT DREAM. I THANK YOU ALL VERY
20 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD AND IN THE COMMUNITY WOULD
23 JUST LIKE TO THANK OUR SUPERVISOR, DON KNABE, FOR BEING SO
24 ATTENTIVE TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS. HE DOES MANY WONDERFUL THINGS
25 AND IT'S NICE THAT THAT HE HONORED ONE OF OUR FABULOUS



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1 TEACHERS THAT'S VERY INDICATIVE OF OUR MUSIC PROGRAMS AND
2 DANCE PROGRAMS IN OUR DISTRICT. CINDY DOESN'T LIKE TO TAKE ALL
3 THE CREDIT AND SHE GIVES CREDIT TO ALL OF THOSE IN HER TEAM
4 OUT IN WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND THEY WON
5 HONORABLE MENTION. THEY WERE ONE OF FIVE SCHOOLS IN THE L.A.
6 COUNTY THAT WAS HONORED IN THE BRAVO AWARDS RECENTLY. SO,
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL DAY
8 TO SEE THE HUMANITY HERE ON THIS BOARD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE
9]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, DON'T JUST SIT THERE, NANCY, COME ON
12 DOWN! IT'S MY PLEASURE NOW TO WELCOME NANCY AU. IT'S ONE OF
13 THOSE SAD DAYS BUT WE'RE PAYING TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL LADY AS
14 SHE RETIRES FROM HER POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
15 W.R.A.P. FAMILY SERVICES, AFTER SERVING IN THIS CAPACITY FOR
16 OVER 11 YEARS. UNDER HER CAPABLE LEADERSHIP, W.R.A.P. HAS
17 GROWN TO A THRIVING ORGANIZATION WITH 35 EMPLOYEES AND THREE
18 OFFICES IN WESTCHESTER, LONG BEACH AND THE SAN FERNANDO
19 VALLEY, SERVING OVER 5,000 INDIVIDUALS ANNUALLY IN MANY A.P.I.
20 LANGUAGES. I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE HAS TIME TO DO ALL THIS BUT,
21 IN ADDITION TO CAPABLY RUNNING W.R.A.P., SHE HAS SERVED AS A
22 PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY, REGULARLY
23 ADVISING MY STAFF AND OTHERS ABOUT THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE
24 DONE ALONG THE WAY AND OFFERING HER VALUED GUIDANCE AS WELL.
25 FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS, NANCY HAS ACTIVELY SERVED ON NUMEROUS



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1 COMMITTEES, INCLUDING VARIOUS LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES ON THE
2 ASIAN/PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL, THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, SPA COUNCILS. IN ADDITION,
4 SHE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING AS ONE OF EIGHT DELEGATES ON THE
5 COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP ON THE CALWORKS BUDGET PRIORITIZATION
6 PROCESS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE'S BEEN PART OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH PLANNING COMMITTEE,
8 THE NEW DIRECTIONS TASK FORCE, LONG-TERM SELF-SUFFICIENCY
9 COMMITTEE, AND MENTAL HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE. NANCY'S NOT
10 ONLY A DEAR FRIEND BUT SHE HAS BEEN A TRUE VISIONARY LEADER,
11 AN ADVOCATE FOR NOT ONLY THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY BUT FOR ALL THE
12 RESIDENCE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HER PASSIONATE COMMITMENT AND
13 ENERGY TO OUR SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF
14 COLLABORATION AND WE THANK HER FOR THAT, AND HER COUNTLESS
15 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND, AS I SAID EARLIER,
16 HER VALUED GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL THROUGHOUT THE MANY DIFFERENT
17 ISSUES OVER THE MANY DIFFERENT YEARS. NANCY HAS BEEN THERE AND
18 WE HAVE APPRECIATED ALL THAT. SHE'S BEEN WITH US DURING THE
19 GOOD TIMES, THE BAD TIMES, AND ALL TIMES IN BETWEEN. SO,
20 NANCY, WE THANK YOU AND WISH YOU VERY GREAT SUCCESS IN YOUR
21 RETIREMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU
22 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS IS JUST A MOMENT IN TIME. [APPLAUSE
23]
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1 **NANCY AU:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY, ACTUALLY, TO BE A VOICE IN TERMS OF THE
3 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AT
4 LARGE THAT CARES SO VERY MUCH ABOUT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND
5 THE CONDITION OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE AN OLD UNDERSTANDING
6 THAT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES REALLY FOSTER HEALTHY FAMILIES AND I
7 TRULY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE
8 TRULY COMMITTED IN MAKING THAT WORK HAPPEN AND IN WORKING IN
9 PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE REALLY
10 ACHIEVE A JOINT GOAL OF OURS. SO I THANK YOU ALL. AS DON SAID,
11 IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. I LOOK FORWARD TO LOOKING AT AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME MORE CHOICES IN TERMS OF MY TIME. AND
13 NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST IS SPENDING MORE TIME WITH MY
14 GRANDCHILDREN AND THE SECOND ON MY LIST IS TO CONTINUE MY WORK
15 IN BEING THE VOICE, NOT ONLY FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC
16 ISLANDER COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO FOR ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN
17 THE COMMUNITY AS WELL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS MORNING, WE REPRESENT-- HAVE
22 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
23 COUNCIL WITH US AS THE COUNCIL IS CELEBRATING ITS 25TH
24 ANNIVERSARY, HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THIS BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS BACK IN 1979. WE HAVE PAMELA BOOTH, WHO IS THE



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1 CHAIRMAN OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL;; MARY MOORHEN,
2 EXECUTIVE MEMBER; SHEILA HASLETT, INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE
3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL; LISA HAMILTON, WHO IS EXECUTIVE
4 ASSISTANT TO THE DOMESTIC CALENDAR-- COUNCIL; LYDIA BOWDEN,
5 CO-CHAIR; AND RACHEL ZUPPA, WHO IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
6 COORDINATOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL IS TO STUDY THE
7 PROBLEMS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY
8 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE EDUCATION,
9 COORDINATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION, TRAINING, SHELTER SERVICES,
10 LEGISLATION, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND AREAS TO ENHANCE THESE
11 PROGRAMS. THE COUNCIL IS CALIFORNIA'S JOINT PUBLIC/PRIVATE
12 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED TO HAVE A
13 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO FAMILY VIOLENCE. IT'S VIEWED
14 NATIONALLY AS A LEADER IN THE FIELD OF BATTERED WOMEN'S
15 ISSUES. THE COUNCIL'S 40 MEMBERS INCLUDE PUBLIC SECTOR
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE COUNTIES AND THE CITIES, AS WELL
17 AS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
18 SERVICE AGENCIES. THE COUNCIL SERVES AS A FOCAL SETTING AT
19 WHICH THESE AGENCIES AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ABLE TO
20 RECEIVE INFORMATION, RECEIVE COORDINATION ISSUES, INCREASE
21 PUBLIC AWARENESS, AND DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLANS FOR TRAINING
22 PERSONNEL, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS. SO, ON
23 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY. [APPLAUSE]
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1 **LISA HAMILTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. THE
2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL, FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS, HAS
3 STRUGGLED WITH THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TRYING TO KEEP
4 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY SAFER, PROVIDE OUTREACH AND
5 EDUCATION. ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC
6 VIOLENCE, EITHER PERSONALLY, PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY BY THE
7 PEOPLE THAT THEY SERVE OR BY THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE IN THOSE
8 DEPARTMENTS. THERE IS NO SEGMENT OF SOCIETY THAT IS NOT
9 IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO WERE
10 HONORED EARLIER, THEY SEE THE EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
11 THE PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
12 WHO WERE HONORED EARLIER, THEY SEE THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE. IT'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE. IT IS ONGOING. WE ARE
14 MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF
15 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SO THAT THE ULTIMATE END, WHICH IS THE DEATH
16 OF ONE OF THE PARTNERS IN THAT RELATIONSHIP, DOES NOT OCCUR.
17 AND WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR
18 EFFORTS IN THAT AREA. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT TO THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY
22 FOR DONATING AN AUTOMATIC DOORS AT THE TEMPLE CITY, CITY
23 LIBRARY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT. WE
24 HAVE WITH US MAYOR PETER ZOVAC, COUNCILWOMAN JUDY WONG AND
25 CITY MANAGER, MARTIN COLE. NOW, THESE DOORS HAVE REPLACED THE



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1 PREVIOUS MANUAL DOORS, WHICH WERE DIFFICULT TO USE FOR THE
2 OLDER AND DISABLED PATRONS AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
3 A.D.A. REGULATIONS. THIS ADDITION WILL RESULT IN BETTER
4 SERVICE TO LIBRARY CUSTOMERS WITH DISABILITIES AND ENHANCE
5 CUSTOMER SERVICES AND IMPROVE STATE EFFICIENCY. THE TEMPLE
6 CITY LIBRARY IS OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH
7 WAS FIRST OPENED BACK IN 1963. SO, AT THIS TIME, MR. MAYOR AND
8 MISS COUNCILMAN AND MR. CITY MANAGER, LET US GIVE YOU THIS
9 PROCLAMATION AND THANK YOU FOR BEING PROACTIVE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **MARTIN COLE:** YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THIS
13 CITY IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE COUNTY. WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND
14 THE CONSTRAINTS THAT YOU HAVE PLACED ON YOU IN THE LAST FEW
15 YEARS. WE SEE THIS AS JUST A SMALL GESTURE OF MAKING AN
16 IMPROVEMENT TO A VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE IN OUR CITY AND IN A
17 WAY OF CONTINUING THE IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE
18 COUNTY AND CONTRACT CITIES. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE
19 APPRECIATE IT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARGARET, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? WE
22 HAVE OUR LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD. I DIDN'T SEE YOU OVER
23 THERE.

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1 **MARGARET TODD:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE CITY. IT'S WONDERFUL
2 WHEN OUR CITIES STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND HELP US MAKE
3 IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR SERVICE AND WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE
4 CITY'S GENEROSITY. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR
7 OUTSTANDING DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WHO IS RETIRING AFTER
8 ABOUT 35 YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
9 OFFICE AND THAT'S MALCOLM JORDAN, WHO, ALONG WITH... [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...ALONG WITH-- WE HAVE FROM THE DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH US IS ALSO CRAIG GOLD AND MALCOLM'S
14 WIFE. MALCOLM, AS I SAID, IS RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS. HE
15 EARNED HIS LAW DEGREE AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN GOVERNMENT
16 SIMULTANEOUSLY WHILE HOLDING DOWN A FULLTIME JOB DELIVERING
17 NEWSPAPERS. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HE
18 CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS PH.D. SINCE HE
19 BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A PUBLIC DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN '69, HE HAS
20 PROSECUTED MORE THAN 1,000 CRIMINAL CASES AT MORE THAN 50
21 COURTHOUSES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND HE HAS
22 ALSO BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONVICTIONS IN NEARLY 90% OF HIS
23 TRIALS AND THOSE CRIMES INCLUDING FELONIES INCLUDING RAPE,
24 ELDER ABUSE, CHILD MOLESTATION, PORNOGRAPHY, OBSCENITIES,
25 DOMESTIC AND GANG VIOLENCE, BEFORE SPECIALIZED UNITS WERE



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1 CREATED TO HANDLE THOSE CASES. NOW, HE'S ALSO SERVED AS THE
2 ASSISTANT DEAN OF THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF LAW AND AS AN
3 INSTRUCTOR IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SENIOR LECTURER IN
4 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT THE
5 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND, AGAIN, ALONG WITH
6 BEING A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HE WAS A PROFESSOR, SCHOLAR,
7 AND ALSO A POLITICAL LEADER. AND I APPRECIATED HIS SUPPORT AND
8 FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS AND WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER EVEN
9 BEFORE WE WERE BOTH IN ELECTED OFFICE AND SERVING AS A
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THIS COUNTY. SO, MALCOLM, CONGRATULATIONS
11 AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS BUT YOU'RE VERY YOUNG TO BE
12 RETIRING. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **MALCOLM JORDAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MIKE, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND DON I'VE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS, ALSO.
16 I CAME ON IN 1969 AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO DO ONE
17 THING. THE FIRST DUTY OF A PROSECUTOR IS TO SEEK JUSTICE AND
18 THAT'S WHAT I SOUGHT TO DO. AND AT THE BOTTOM LINE, AT THE END
19 OF THE DAY, IT'S DOING THE RIGHT THING IN EVERY CASE.
20 SOMETIMES YOU WIN, SOMETIMES YOU DON'T, BUT JUSTICE DOES NOT
21 GET MEASURED ONLY IN WINS AND LOSSES IN THE COURTROOM. FOR
22 EVERY LIFE THAT IS IMPACTED, THAT'S WHAT COUNTS. IF WE CAN DO
23 SOMETHING, WE TRY TO DO IT, AND I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO WORK
24 THROUGH A NUMBER OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, A NUMBER OF GOOD,
25 GREAT COLLEAGUES. SOME OF THEM ARE STILL HERE IN THE OFFICE



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1 STANDING RIGHT NOW. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM STAND AT THIS TIME,
2 SOME WONDERFUL COLLEAGUES, SOME ARE RETIRED. IF YOU WOULD
3 STAND. SOME ARE STILL CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. AL, BILL, LARRY.
4 THESE ARE... [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **MALCOLM JORDON:** THESE ARE THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE PUBLIC'S
7 WAR AGAINST CRIME. VERY FEW OF THEM GET PUBLICITY. WE DON'T
8 SEEK IT. I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE A MONOLOGUE HERE BUT IT'S THE
9 BOTTOM LINE IN EVERY CASE. YOU'RE GOING, TRYING TO DO JUSTICE,
10 AND WE HOPE WE DID THE RIGHT THING IN THE CASES. WE DON'T KNOW
11 BECAUSE WE'LL NEVER SEE THE VICTIMS, CHANCES ARE, AGAIN IN
12 LIFE, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **CRAIG GOLD:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
15 CRAIG GOLD. I'M THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
16 DEPUTY D.A.S OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO GIVE
17 THIS AWARD TO MALCOLM JORDAN. THE PLAQUE SAYS THAT THE
18 ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY D.A.S, AN ORGANIZATION OF OVER 900
19 DEPUTY D.A.S DEDICATED TO PURSUING JUSTICE IN THE COUNTY OF
20 LOS ANGELES, THANKS MALCOLM JORDAN, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
21 FOR 35 YEARS OF TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE
22 AS A DEPUTY D.A. WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FROM JUNE OF
23 1969 THROUGH MARCH OF 2004. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT MY OLD CLASSMATE, HERB STEINBERG, OUT
2 THERE? HOW ARE YOU, HERB? THAT'S THE GREAT POLITICAL
3 STRATEGIST, ARNIE STEINBERG'S BROTHER, YOUNGER BROTHER.
4 ANYWAY, TODAY, WE INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC THOSE INDIVIDUALS
5 WHO ARE REALLY UNSUNG HEROES IN FOSTER CHILDREN AND HELPING
6 CHILDREN AND PREPARING THESE YOUNG CHILDREN, TRYING TO FIND
7 HOMES FOR THEM. WE HAVE ANOTHER GROUP OF CHILDREN IN OUR
8 COUNTY AND NATION AND THOSE ARE THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY
9 CHALLENGED. WELL, TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN
10 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS DONE A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA, AND THAT'S
11 JAMIE BARTHOLOMEW, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHALLENGE DIVISION--
12 CHALLENGER DIVISION OF THE MISSION HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE. NOW,
13 THIS IS A SPECIAL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DIVISION FOR
14 CHALLENGED CHILDREN WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT HAVE THAT
15 OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY BASEBALL. IT'S A FIELD OF DREAMS TO
16 PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED YOUNG PEOPLE PROVIDING STRUCTURE, THE
17 ABILITY TO CLING ON TO THE GAME OF BASEBALL PLAYING, A BREAK
18 FROM EVERYDAY ISSUES THEY FACE, AND THAT OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
19 THEMSELVES, AS THEY WATCH ON TELEVISION OUR GREAT BASEBALL
20 TEAMS PLAY. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT OTHER CHILDREN TAKE FOR
21 GRANTED AND IS SO IMPORTANT. IT WAS FOUNDED BACK IN 1993. THEY
22 HAVE GROWN FROM TWO TEAMS TO FOUR TEAMS WITH 43 PLAYERS WHO
23 ARE NOT PENALIZED FOR ERRORS OR BAD PLAYS. THE NAME OF THE
24 GAME IS A DIVISION FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN. IT PROVIDES
25 PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE



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1 IN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, THE SAME WAY MILLIONS OF OTHER
2 CHILDREN DO ACROSS THIS NATION. I KNOW I HAVE A LITTLE BOY
3 THAT JUST STARTED T-BALL AND, TO HIM, THAT'S THE GREATEST
4 OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY. HE'S A YANKEE AND HE REALLY RELATES TO
5 THE GAMES ON TELEVISION NOW BECAUSE IT'S NOW PART OF HIS LIFE
6 WHERE HE LEARNS TO WORK WITH OTHERS, TO SHARE, AND TO COMPETE.
7 AND NOW, HAVING CHALLENGED CHILDREN HAVE THIS SAME OPPORTUNITY
8 IS SOMETHING THAT IS TO COMMEND THOSE LEADERS IN THE SAN
9 FERNANDO VALLEY WHO HAD THAT VISION AND FORESIGHT. SO, JAMIE,
10 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE
11 THE CHALLENGER DIVISION FOR DOING THIS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S JAMIE, NOT JAMIE.

14

15 **JAMIE BARTHOLOMEW:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. THE
17 PROGRAM IS SOMETHING THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART BUT IT'S
18 ABOUT THE KIDS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CAN'T BE HERE BECAUSE THEY
19 ARE ALL IN SCHOOL. AND IT'S JUST A FABULOUS PROGRAM THAT GIVES
20 THEM SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO EVERY WEEK. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BATTING CLEAN-UP IS LITTLE TOBY. THIS IS
23 PART OF OUR CINCO DAY MEOW. FRANK BOCHECK OF KNX RADIO SAID,
24 NOW, NEXT TIME WHEN YOU HAVE CINCO DE MAYO WITH THE LITTLE
25 KITTY, IT'S CINCO DE MEOW. SO THIS IS LITTLE TOBY. SHE'S A



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1 WHITE BLACK MALE, SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SHE'S A DOMESTIC
2 SHORT HAIR, AND SHE-- CAN YOU TALK? NO, SHE'S QUIET. ANYWAY,
3 ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE TOBY, SHE IS AVAILABLE
4 AND A LITTLE-- DON'T BE SO NERVOUS. IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE FINE. SO
5 THIS IS LITTLE TOBY. THOSE AT HOME CAN CALL (562) 728-4644
6 OR... SEE ANYBODY? OKAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M BRINGING UP A GROUP
11 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE PART OF A PRESENTATION TODAY AND, MORE
12 IMPORTANTLY, DESERVE RECOGNITION. TODAY, WE ARE RECOGNIZING
13 THE U.D.L.A., THE UNIFICATION OF DISABLED LATIN AMERICAN
14 CITIZENS. IF WE COULD ALL TURN AROUND A LITTLE BIT. AND, OF
15 COURSE, ITS FOUNDER, RUBEN HERNANDEZ. THEY'VE JOINED US HERE
16 TODAY BECAUSE THEY'RE CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS
17 ORGANIZATION AND THIS NETWORK. IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO THAT A
18 GROUP OF BLIND LATINO STUDENTS UNITED TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION
19 AND TO ACT AS A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHER
20 DISABLED INDIVIDUALS. THESE-- THREE SUCCESSFUL YEARS LATER,
21 THEY RECEIVED NONPROFIT STATUS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
22 AND, OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS BLOSSOMED INTO ONE OF THE MOST
23 OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH NOT ONLY ASSISTS IN
24 SUPPORT OF SERVICES BUT PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES TO OVER THE
25 10,000 PEOPLE THAT THEY ASSOCIATE AND HELP EVERY SINGLE YEAR,



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1 AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY DO. AND THESE
2 SERVICES INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING, SUPPORT
3 GROUPS FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED INDIVIDUALS, SUPPORT
4 GROUPS FOR THE PARENTS AND THE SIBLINGS, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
5 FOR THE CHILDREN, JOB TRAINING AS PLACEMENT AS WELL. THEY HAVE
6 A THEATRE GROUP THAT GETS TOGETHER. THEY HAVE SPORTS REHAB
7 THAT GOES ON, AND THERE'S A WHOLE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THAT
8 ARE CARRIED OUT ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE MEMBERS OF U.D.L.A.
9 HAVE EMPOWERED THEMSELVES AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. THEY
10 WORK DILIGENTLY TO EMPOWER OTHERS AND TO ASSIST OTHER
11 INDIVIDUALS AND, OF COURSE, TO REMIND ALL OF US OF OUR
12 RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR DUTY TO MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE
13 PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND WHO NEED OUR HELP FROM TIME TO TIME.
14 I'M VERY PROUD THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS HONORING THEM
15 TODAY BECAUSE WE NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE THREE DECADES OF
16 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. AS FOUNDER AND
17 PRESIDENT, RUBEN HERNANDEZ HAS BEEN A VITAL FACTOR IN THE
18 GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF U.D.L.A., AS I SAID, A VERY FINE
19 ORGANIZATION THAT DESERVES OUR COMMENDATION AND WE'RE SO PROUD
20 TO HAVE THEM HERE. WE WANT TO PRESENT A SPECIAL SCROLL, SIGNED
21 BY ALL FIVE BOARD MEMBERS, ACKNOWLEDGING ALL OF THE WORK AND
22 THE EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND
23 SIGNED BY ALL OF US AND WE EXPRESS OUR CONGRATULATIONS. [
24 APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THE PICTURE FIRST.

2

3 **RUBEN HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. THANK YOU, THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND LA SENORA, GLORIA
5 MOLINA, FOR THIS WONDERFUL AWARD. TO BE A MEMBER AND FOUNDER
6 OF U.D.L.A. HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. WHY? BECAUSE I
7 BECAME BLIND WHEN I WAS 23 AND, AT THAT TIME, I NOTICED THERE
8 WAS VERY, VERY, VERY LITTLE FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY. SO I
9 DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN ORGANIZATION OR A CENTER IN WHICH WE,
10 THE DISABLED, WILL PERFORM. WE, THE DISABLED, WILL COME
11 TOGETHER. BECAUSE, AT THAT TIME, I AM TALKING 32 YEARS AGO, WE
12 DID NOT HAVE ACCESSIBILITY OF ANY WAY, OF ANY FORM. SO THAT'S
13 WHY I DECIDED TO FORM THAT ORGANIZATION AND IT'S BEEN A
14 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. WHY? BECAUSE MANY OF US, HUNDREDS AND
15 HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF US, WE HAVE FOUND OUR WAY AND WE
16 BECAME, HOW CAN I SAY, FULL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. SO
17 THE THING IS, THIS HAS BEEN A BLESSING FOR ME AND FOR ALL OF
18 US THAT FORM U.D.L.A. I WOULD LIKE TO REALLY, REALLY THANK THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING WITH THIS EXCELLENT
20 AWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL ROBERT TAYLOR FORWARD. THERE YOU
2 ARE. ON MAY 16, 1994, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN
3 OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. IT HAD BEEN CREATED BY THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS IN RESPONSE TO THE COLES COMMISSION. THE MISSION
5 OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT WAS TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENCE AND
6 INTEGRITY, ASSURING THAT COMPLAINTS INVOLVING THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL ARE
8 THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THAT THE
9 PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS WERE FAITHFULLY
10 COMMUNICATED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IN THE ENSUING 10 YEARS,
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN HAS SERVED IMPARTIALLY AND WITH
12 INTEGRITY. IT HAS PROVIDED UNBIASED AND VALUABLE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS CONCERNING CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS. IT HAS TREATED
15 ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPECT AND EMPATHY, AND THIS DEPARTMENT
16 HAS EVOLVED INTO A MODEL FOR NEW AND EXISTING OMBUDSMAN
17 PROGRAMS AND HAS PROVIDED EXPERTISE TO CITY AND COUNTY
18 AGENCIES, NOT ONLY THROUGH CALIFORNIA, BUT THE UNITED STATES,
19 AS WELL. THE COUNTY PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED THE NATIONAL
20 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF
21 ITS DISTINGUISHED AND INNOVATIVE CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING AND
22 PROMOTING PUBLIC SERVICE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED
23 STATES. IN VIEW OF THESE AND IN NUMEROUS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
24 AND ACHIEVEMENTS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL AND
25 HIGHLY COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN FOR 10 YEARS OF



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1 VALUABLE SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M PRESENTING
2 THIS TO ROBERT TAYLOR, WHO IS OUR OMBUDSMAN WHO CONTINUES TO
3 PROVIDE THAT KIND OF SERVICE AND KEEP UP THE INTEGRITY OF THE
4 OFFICE.

5

6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR
7 ARRANGING THIS PRESENTATION AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE
8 ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THEIR
9 VISION IN CREATING THIS DEPARTMENT. NOT ONLY DO WE PROVIDE
10 OVERSIGHT INTO THE POLICE FUNCTION AND HAVE SORT OF BEEN A
11 LEADER IN THAT ROLE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, BUT WE ALSO
12 PROVIDE, I THINK, NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
13 SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE COUNTY CAN BEST SERVE THEM. AND
14 SO WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE TO YOU AND TO
15 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY STAFF, WHO
16 IS HERE, AND ALSO A STRANGER THAT YOU MAY SEE UPON YOU, RUDY
17 DELEON. RUDY, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD 10 YEARS OF
18 OMBUDS SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT EIGHT OF THOSE YEARS
19 WERE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF RUDY DELEON. RUDY?

20

21 **RUDY DELEON:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, ROBERT. I'M REALLY TRULY
22 PROUD OF THE CURRENT OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE AND THE STAFF AND THE
23 LEADERSHIP THAT'S WILLING TO GO OUT AND, SAY, MEET WITH THE
24 FAMILIES OF-- INVOLVED IN AN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AND SIT
25 DOWN AND TALK TO THE FAMILIES, ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS, GATHER



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1 THE SHERIFF'S LEADERSHIP TOGETHER WITH THOSE FAMILIES, AND
2 AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. AND NOT ONLY OFFICER-INVOLVED
3 SHOOTINGS BUT ALL COMPLAINTS, THOUSANDS OF COMPLAINTS THAT
4 HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY THIS GROUP OVER THE YEARS. AND NOW TRULY
5 BLESSED WITH OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ROBERT TAYLOR. THANK
6 YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** LET'S TAKE A PICTURE HERE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES, I WAS. THANK YOU. RIGHT TO LEFT, LEFT TO
11 RIGHT? I THINK WE'LL START OVER HERE. MATTHEW JENSON, WHO IS
12 OUR STUDENT WORKER AND WHO REALLY ASSISTS US WITH OUR
13 STATISTICS. HE'S OUR MASTER OF THE SPREADSHEET PROGRAM EXCEL.
14 ANGEL ISAIAH PAYNE, WHO CAME FROM CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND IS
15 REALLY AN EXPERT AND AN ADVOCATE IN THAT ARENA. MARY CALHOUN,
16 WHO IS, ALONG WITH RUDY, SORT OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT. RUDY AND MARY, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE WORKING IN THE
18 SAME OFFICE, THEY WERE ON DIFFERENT FLOORS OF THIS BUILDING IN
19 THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE OMBUDS SERVICE. DEBORAH PRITCHETT,
20 WHO IS OUR BUDGET PERSON AND TRIES TO KEEP ALL OF OUR
21 ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS IN LINE. LEWIS JASPER, WHO IS AN
22 ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE AND HELPS WITH A LOT OF THE CLERICAL
23 DUTIES. STEPHANIE MAXBURY, WHO IS MY ASSISTANT AND A VERY,
24 VERY CAPABLE ONE AND A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF COUNTY SERVICE.
25 MARIO MORANDEZ, ANOTHER ONE OF THE VETERANS OF THE OMBUDS



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1 OFFICE. MARIO HAS BEEN THERE FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS. AND ALICE
2 MARTELL, WHO IS ASSISTANT OMBUDSMAN. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST COMMEND RUDY FOR ESTABLISHING THE
5 LEADERSHIP IN THAT OFFICE FROM THE BEGINNING AND NOW BOB
6 CARRYING ON IN THAT FINE TRADITION THAT RUDY ESTABLISHED OF
7 GIVING CREDIBILITY TO THE COUNTY AND HANDLING THE MOST
8 SENSITIVE CASES. WE APPRECIATE THE STAFF. THE STAFF HAS DONE
9 AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND YOU GUYS ARE ALSO THE UNSUNG HEROES. SO
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, RUDY, FOR BEING THE GEORGE
11 WASHINGTON, AND NOW THANK YOU, MR. TAYLOR, FOR BEING THE
12 THOMAS JEFFERSON.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. THEY DO A GREAT
15 JOB FOR US. THANK YOU TO ALL.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD WE GET EVERYBODY IN? [INDISTINCT
18 CONVERSATION]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR
23 AGENDA, BEGINNING WITH DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ASK-- I HAVE SEVERAL
2 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, WHILE YOU'RE GETTING READY, COUNTY
5 COUNSEL HAS BROUGHT A MOTION TO ME THAT A MATTER OF POTENTIAL
6 LITIGATION THAT HAS COME UP WITHIN THE 72-HOUR NOTICE PERIOD,
7 WHICH PRESENTS THE NEED TO TAKE SOME IMMEDIATE ACTION HAS COME
8 TO THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE
9 AGENDA. SO, ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD
10 DETERMINE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2,
11 SUBSECTION B-2, THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION,
12 THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD
13 SUBSEQUENT TO THE AGENDA BEING POSTED, AS SPECIFIED IN
14 SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION 54954.2 AND THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM
15 BE PLACED IN THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF LUCIAN HAAS. LU HAAS WAS A
24 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT PACIFIC PALISADES. HE
25 WAS A KEY ADVISOR AND SPEECH WRITER TO MANY PROMINENT



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1 SOUTHLAND DEMOCRATIC ELECTED OFFICIALS OVER A NUMBER OF
2 DECADES. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 AT HIS HOME LAST
3 WEEK. THOSE FOR WHOM HE WORKED INCLUDED GOVERNOR PAT BROWN,
4 LATER HIS SON, JERRY BROWN, SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON FOR QUITE A
5 FEW YEARS, TOM BRADLEY, JOHN VAN DE KAMP, AMONG OTHERS. HE WAS
6 A FORMER NEWSMAN. HE WAS AN UNABASHED PROGRESSIVE, KNOWN AND
7 RESPECTED AS ARDENT ENVIRONMENTALIST AND COMMITTED ADVOCATE
8 FOR A NUMBER OF CAUSES AND HE WILL BE REMEMBERED. I KNEW HIM
9 VERY WELL AND HE WAS A GREAT PERSON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
10 WIFE, JAN, A DAUGHTER, MARGARET, SONS LOU, DIRK, VERNON AND
11 JACK AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ASK THAT WE ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
12 IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD JONES, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OUR
13 DISTRICT, A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AND THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN THE AREA OF WORKERS'
15 COMPENSATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, MEREDITH. ROLAND
16 MARSH, DIED AT THE AGE OF 74, AND HE WAS ALSO A COUNTY--
17 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. HE WAS A SENIOR CONTRACT PROGRAM
18 AUDITOR FOR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 HEALTH SERVICES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LONG-TIME PARTNER,
20 BRENDA, A DAUGHTER, ROBIN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO ASK
21 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALAN KING, A LEGENDARY
22 COMEDIAN, ACTOR, AUTHOR, AND PRODUCER WHO RECENTLY DIED OF
23 LUNG CANCER AT THE AGE OF 76 IN NEW YORK CITY. I THINK WE ALL
24 KNEW HIS WORK. HE MADE HIS ORIGINAL DEBUT ON THE ED SULLIVAN
25 SHOW IN THE LATE 1950S, APPEARING ON THAT SHOW NEARLY 100



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1 TIMES. HE LATER BECAME A SUCCESSFUL CHARACTER ACTOR AND
2 DIRECTED TELEVISION AND MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTIONS AND HE WAS
3 ALSO KNOWN FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES AND WE HAVE A
4 VARIETIES OF CAUSES, JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MEDICAL CHARITIES,
5 AMONG OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS,
6 JEANETTE, TWO SONS, ROBERT AND ANDREW, A DAUGHTER, ELAINE
7 GAGNE, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. AND, LAST, ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
8 IN THE MEMORY OF TOM GOLDEN. TOM, A LONGTIME FRIEND OF OUR
9 OFFICE, BOTH IN-- WELL, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. TOM WAS A
10 RETIRED CHIEF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF LOS
11 ANGELES. HE RETIRED IN 1982 AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN THAT
12 POSITION OF THE CITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT. HE WAS A MAN OF
13 GREAT INTEGRITY AND GREAT KNOWLEDGE. HE WAS A WALKING
14 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE AND HE WAS VERY, VERY
15 HELPFUL TO ME. HE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT THE PLANNING PROCESS
16 WHEN I FIRST BECAME A CITY COUNCILMAN. I RELIED HEAVILY ON HIS
17 JUDGMENT ON TOO MANY CASES THAT I-- SOME I DON'T EVEN WISH TO
18 REMEMBER BUT HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND THE CITY FAMILY HAS
19 LOST ONE OF ITS GREAT FORMER MEMBERS. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
20 MEMORY OF TOM GOLDEN. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

23
24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON THE LOU HAAS, PLEASE, IF I
25 COULD. GREAT MAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AM NOT-- I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING, SO I'M
5 DONE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I WILL PROCEED WITH MY
8 ADJOURNMENTS. ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KATIE MAE WALTERS, THE
9 MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER, MARY JOE MAXWELL, WHO
11 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE WAS BORN IN SOUTH
12 DAKOTA AND MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1961. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE
13 IN THE COMMUNITY AND HER GREATEST JOYS WERE HER FAMILY AND
14 FRIENDS, GARDENING AND CROSSWORD PUZZLES BUT WHEN SHE WAS
15 WATCHING THE LAKERS BASKETBALL TEAM, NOT EVEN A PHONE CALL
16 WOULD INTERRUPT THAT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS,
17 MARY JO, SUSIE, AND JUDY, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND 17 GREAT-
18 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERTA
19 CROWSHAW, THE WIFE OF JOHNNY CROWSHAW OF JOHNNY AND COMPANY, A
20 WELL-KNOWN HAIRSTYLING BUSINESS IN DOWNEY, WHO PASSED AWAY
21 RECENTLY. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE DOWNEY CHAMBER OF
22 COMMERCE WHERE SHE WAS ADVERTISING DIRECTOR OF THE DOWNEY
23 BUSINESS, THE CHAMBERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME
24 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AND WAS AWARDED THE 32ND DISTRICT
25 CONGRESSIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT AWARD FOR THE WE TIP EYEWITNESS



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1 ANONYMOUS NEWS LINE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JOHNNY;
2 HER SON, CHARLES; DAUGHTER KATRINA; HER FATHER AND STEPMOTHER;
3 HER BROTHER, TOM; SISTER, SUSAN; STEPDAUGHTER, TONYA;
4 GRANDCHILDREN RYAN, TREVOR, SARAH, SAMANTHA, AND CAMERON. SHE
5 WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY ASK SHE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL.
6 ALSO AND I KNOW THAT PROBABLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS DOING
7 THIS AS WELL AND IT'LL BE ALL MEMBERS, BUT THAT WE ADJOURN IN
8 THE MEMORY OF SENATOR WILLIAM PETE KNIGHT, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF
9 THE STATE LEGISLATURE SINCE 1992 AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.
10 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HANS MAHR, THE BELOVED
11 HUSBAND OF NANCY MAHR, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR OUR
12 PUBLIC LIBRARY. MR. MAHR RESIDED IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR
13 SOME 33 PLUS YEARS. HE WORKED AT TRW, RETIRED IN 2002 AFTER 30
14 YEARS. HE WAS A COMPUTER EXPERT AND LICENSED HAM RADIO
15 OPERATOR. HIS RETIREMENT ALSO DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN MODEL
16 RAILROADING. HE'LL BE LOVINGLY REMEMBERED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY,
17 AND HIS SONS, HANS, AND HIS WIFE, NORIKO, AND THEIR DAUGHTER,
18 KRISTA, AND BY NANCY'S BROTHER, ROBERT, AND HIS WIFE,
19 ROSEMARY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ARMY P.F.C.
20 LYNDON MARCUS FROM LONG BEACH, WHO WAS KILLED THIS PAST WEEK
21 IN A VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN IRAQ. HE GRADUATED IN 2001 FROM
22 JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL, WAS AN INCREDIBLE YOUNG MAN WITH A GREAT
23 VOICE, BEAUTIFUL TENOR VOICE WHERE HE SANG IN A SCHOOL CHOIR
24 AND STARRED IN SEVERAL MUSICAL THEATER PRODUCTIONS. HE CAME
25 FROM A FAMILY WITH A LONG HISTORY OF SERVING IN THE MILITARY,



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1 SO HE'S GOING TO BE BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS. ALSO
2 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CORNEL RYLAARSDAM, WHO PASSED
3 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 52. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FAMILY
4 AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
5 OF HARRY SMITH, A LONG-TIME HERMOSA RESIDENT WHO WORKED FOR
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AS A DISTRICT MANAGER FOR
7 35 YEARS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION. HE HAS BEEN NAMED MAN OF THE
8 YEAR AND SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER AND LOCAL
9 KIWANIS CLUB. HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE RIVERA UNITED
10 METHODIST CHURCH AND SERVED HIS COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS.
11 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LARUE THOMAS, WHO IS THE
12 FOUNDER OF THE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES THOMAS CADILLAC WHICH HE
13 BUILT INTO ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST DEALERSHIPS FOR
14 CADILLACS. HE HAD A GREAT AFFINITY TOWARDS CLASSIC CARS AND
15 AMASSED AN IMPRESSIVE VINTAGE CAR COLLECTION. HE WAS 93 YEARS
16 OLD AND PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES. AND,
17 FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY THOMPSON, A LONG-
18 TIME RESIDENCE OF PLAYA DEL REY. SHE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST
19 INVOLVED IN PROTECTING THE BALLONA WETLANDS. SHE WAS ALSO
20 DIRECTOR FOR THE FRIENDS OF BALLONA. SHE LED VOLUNTEER WORK
21 TEAMS TO HELP PRESERVE THE DUNES AND CLEAN THE WETLANDS AND
22 SHE WAS A NOTED ARTIST IN PAINTING HISTORIC LOCAL SCENES. SO
23 ORDERED. WE HAD SEVERAL ITEMS HELD. ITEM NUMBER 12 WAS HELD
24 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. OKAY. CANDACE OWEN. CANDACE WAS
25 SPEAKING ON 12, 92, AND 104-B.



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2 **CANDACE OWEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. FIRST OF ALL, MY
3 HEART GOES OUT TO THE MOTHER OF RAUL TANGERO FOR THE
4 NEGLIGENCE ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFFS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO HIS
5 DEATH. RECENTLY, I WAS INCARCERATED AND I, TOO, WAS A KEEP-
6 AWAY AND, JUST AFTER THE INMATE ASSAULTED ME, I WAS TOLD TO
7 LINE UP RIGHT BEHIND HER WHEN, JUST PRIOR, I WAS KNOCKED OUT,
8 HAD THREE WITNESSES, WAS RE-FINGERPRINTED, AND DENIED PROPER
9 MEDICAL ATTENTION. NORMALLY, WHEN INMATES ARE IN A FIGHT, THE
10 ONE WHO CAUSES THE FIGHT IS PLACED IN THE HOLE. THIS NEVER
11 OCCURRED TO THE WOMAN WHO DISLOCATED MY JAW. THE REPORT WAS
12 NEVER TURNED OVER TO THE INVESTIGATOR AND THE JAIL HAS NEVER
13 RETURNED MY CALL TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT HE HAS INVESTIGATED THIS
14 CASE FURTHER. OR THAT HE'S EVEN LOCATED MY REPORT. I CALLED
15 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' DEPUTIES AND DID
16 NOT RECEIVE ONE RETURN PHONE CALL. ALSO, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT,
17 WHEN YOU'RE INCARCERATED, YOU CAN NO LONGER CALL THE COUNTY
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HERE IN AMERICA, WE'RE OBSERVING THE
19 MISTREATMENT OF IRAQI CITIZENS IN PRISON. AND I'M HERE TO SAY
20 THAT THE MISTREATMENT OF OUR OWN CITIZENS RIGHT HERE IN THE
21 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND IN THE TWIN TOWERS NEEDS TO BE
22 ADDRESSED. THE SHERIFFS PROTECT THEIR OWN BEFORE THEY PROTECT
23 THE INMATES AND THEY FAIL TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN POLICIES AND
24 PROCEDURES THAT THEY CREATE THEMSELVES. THIS ALSO RELATES TO
25 ITEM NUMBER 92, THE 1,827,000 FEDERAL DOLLARS TO BE



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1 DISTRIBUTED FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO WOMEN VICTIMIZED BY
2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EVEN WHEN THE SYSTEM VICTIMIZES THEM
3 FURTHER. UNDER FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH, IT SHOULD BE
4 ADDRESSED THAT THE INCARCERATED PARENTS CANNOT CONTACT THEIR
5 PANELED ATTORNEYS COLLECT. THEY CANNOT CONTACT THEIR SOCIAL
6 WORKERS COLLECT AND THEY CANNOT EVEN RECEIVE A COPY OF THEIR
7 OWN COURT FILE. HOW CONVENIENT. THE COUNTY CAN SELL THEIR
8 CHILDREN UNDER THE DISGUISE OF ADOPTION. AND, FINALLY, MIKE
9 ANTONOVICH, IT'S TOO BAD THAT PAUL-- I'M SORRY, RAOUL DIDN'T
10 SEND A LETTER FROM THE GRAVE LIKE RON CAULDRY. THIS RIGHT HERE
11 IS A COPY OF MY BADGE THAT SAYS I WAS A KEEP-AWAY. I WAS
12 INCARCERATED BECAUSE I WAS DOWN THERE VISITING A FRIEND OF
13 MINE AND I WAS HELPING HIS MOTHER, WHEN MY PUBLIC PRETENDER,
14 AS I CALL THEM, BECAUSE THEY PRETEND TO REPRESENT YOU, FAILED
15 TO INFORM ME THAT I HAD A COURT DATE TO ENROLL IN MY
16 COUNSELING. I WAS TWO DAYS GETTING IN. THE WOMAN THAT HIT ME
17 HAD BEEN SITTING IN THIS ROOM FOR FOUR DAYS COMING OFF OF HER
18 MEDICATION. PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO SIT AND EAT PEANUT BUTTER AND
19 JELLY SANDWICHES. I SAT THERE FOR FOUR DAYS AND THE COUNTY
20 MADE \$150 ON EACH DAY I WAS INCARCERATED. I WAS DENIED MY
21 ACCESS TO MAKE MY THREE FREE PHONE CALLS AND THERE WAS NO
22 NUMBER POSTED FOR ME TO CONTACT A BAIL BONDSMAN. I REALLY HOPE
23 THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL ATTEND TO THIS
24 MATTER AND I REALLY HONESTLY TRULY FEEL FOR THE MOTHER WHO



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1 LOST HER SON AND HAD TO GO THIS MOTHER'S DAY WITHOUT HER SON.
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CANDACE. THE ITEMS-- THANK YOU.
5 THE ITEMS BEFORE US ARE 12, 92, AND 104-B. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
7 SO ORDERED. WE HAD ITEM 21 WAS HELD. MR. TOM MYERS.

8

9 **TOM MYERS:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? MY NAME IS TOM
10 MYERS. I'M GENERAL COUNSEL FOR AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I
11 WISH TO SPEAK-- THANK YOU. I WISH TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE'S RECOMMENDATION AND STATE THAT A.I.D.S.
13 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS ALL EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS
14 OF A.I.D.S. AND H.I.V. IN THAT REGARD, I WANT TO DRAW
15 ATTENTION TO THE RECENT COMMISSION ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HEALTH
16 SERVICES VOTE TO REDUCE COUNTY FUNDING FOR H.I.V. MEDICAL
17 CARE, PRESUMABLY BASED ON A REDUCTION OF RYAN WHITE FEDERAL
18 FUNDING TO THE COUNTY. THERE ARE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES STEMMING
19 FROM THE FACT THAT, WHILE YOU ARE URGING GREATER AWARENESS OF
20 H.I.V., YOU'RE SIMULTANEOUSLY PLANNING TO CUT TREATMENT. THESE
21 CUTS ARE GRAVE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST, THEY COME AT A
22 TIME WHEN THE NUMBER OF A.I.D.S. CASES AND THE NEED FOR
23 TREATMENT ARE INCREASING. FUNDING FOR NEW TREATMENT SLOTS IS
24 NEEDED, NOT REDUCTIONS. SECOND, THESE CUTS APPEAR TO BE DONE
25 ACROSS THE BOARD, AFFECTING THE ENTIRE CONTINUUM OF CARE



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1 WITHOUT REGARD FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS AND THEIR NEEDS AND
2 EFFECTIVENESS. THIS, IN EFFECT, WORKS TO DISMANTLE AND
3 UNDERMINE THE AIDS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT HAS PAINSTAKINGLY
4 BEEN PUT IN PLACE OVER THE YEARS AND WHICH FURTHER EXACERBATES
5 THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE CUTS. FINALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO
6 BEILENSON ACT HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER. AS THESE PROPOSED CUTS
7 WILL RESULT IN A DECREASE IN COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES, THE
8 MANDATORY NOTICE, HEARING AND COMMENT PROVISIONS OF HEALTH AND
9 SAFETY CODE SECTION 1442.5 ARE REQUIRED. THE BOARD IS FULLY
10 AWARE OF THIS AS IT HAS UTILIZED THE ACT PREVIOUSLY, SUCH AS
11 WHEN REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES AT HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL WERE
12 PROPOSED. ALTHOUGH A.H.F. SENT A LETTER TO COUNTY COUNSEL ON
13 MAY 3RD REQUESTING CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH HEARINGS WILL BE
14 HELD, IT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. A.H.F., THEREFORE, AGAIN
15 REQUESTS THAT BEILENSON ACT HEARINGS BE HELD ON THESE PROPOSED
16 CUTS AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE DATE AND TIME OF THESE
17 HEARINGS. AT THAT TIME, THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS PROPOSED BY THESE
18 CUTS AS WELL AS THE COUNTY'S ONGOING OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE
19 MEDICAL SERVICES REGARDLESS OF FEDERAL FUNDING CAN BE FULLY
20 ADDRESSED BY THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
25 ORDERED. WE ALSO HAVE HELD ITEM NUMBER 48 FOR A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC. GENEVIEVE? MADE IT BACK OKAY, HUH? WASN'T THAT A FUN
2 TIME AT DULLES, HUH?

3

4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
5 MUST SAY THAT THE LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WAS A GOOD
6 LEARNING FOR ME. I DEFINITELY FEEL THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE
7 LOBBYING 101 AND TAKE SOME LESSONS FROM THE ACTIVISTS WHO
8 REALLY LOBBY. BUT, ANYWAY, I WANT TO THANK MANY OF YOU WHO
9 WERE SO GRACIOUS WITH ME. I WOULD BE CONCERNED WHEN, YOU KNOW,
10 WE HAVE A READJUSTMENT OF BUDGET OF AN AMOUNT OF 8.3 MILLION.
11 YOU KNOW, THAT'S A LOT TO SWITCH AROUND. I MEAN, IT SHOWS TO
12 ME THAT, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU ESTABLISH A BUDGET, MAYBE WE DON'T
13 KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING. TO ALL OF A SUDDEN HAVE TO SWITCH AND
14 REALIGN 8.3 MILLION IS NOT SOMETHING MINOR. I THINK MAYBE FOR
15 NEXT YEAR, WE NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF WHAT THE BUDGET IS ALL
16 ABOUT. I MEAN, THE PROBLEM WITH THE NURSING SHORTAGE, THE
17 SHORT STAFF, WE ALL KNEW THAT LAST YEAR. WE KNEW THAT TWO OR
18 THREE YEARS AGO. SO AS YOU WILL BE LOOKING AT THE BUDGET, YOU
19 KNOW, NEXT FEW DAYS, I THINK MAYBE YOU NEED TO, YOU KNOW, LOOK
20 AT IT IN DETAIL SO THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN. THAT WILL BE GREAT.
21 AND I WILL NOT BE HERE FOR THE BUDGET. I-- YOU KNOW, SO I
22 WON'T BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT SO THAT'S WHY I BRING IT TODAY.
23 NO. I HAVE TO GO TO LAS VEGAS AND, YOU KNOW...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, YOU HAVE TO GO TO LAS VEGAS?



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I HAVE TO BE INFORMED ABOUT TECHNOLOGY,
3 YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S OUR FORTE HERE IN THE
4 COUNTY, YOU KNOW?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THIS KIND OF TECHNOLOGY?

7

8 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO, NO, NO, INTEROP, YOU KNOW, INTEROP,
9 YOU KNOW. I'M NOT A GAMBLER OR I WOULD NOT COME HERE EVERY
10 WEEK, YOU KNOW. [LAUGHTER]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAFE TRIP.

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, BY THE WAY, WE KNOW OUR LOBBYISTS, YOU
17 KNOW, ARE SUPPOSED TO BE NICE AND LOBBY, YOU KNOW, FOR US?
18 MAYBE THE NEXT YEAR YOU CAN TELL MR. DALE SMITH NOT, EVERY
19 TURN OF THE WAY, TO ASK ME WHEN I WAS GOING TO GIVE UP BECAUSE
20 YOU SHOULD TELL HIM I NEVER GIVE UP.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE TOLD HIM THAT. WE TOLD HIM THAT FROM THE
23 VERY BEGINNING BUT THEY FELT THEY HAD TO ASK THAT QUESTION BUT
24 WE KEPT SAYING, SHE'S NEVER GOING TO GIVE UP, SO... YOU
25 DIDN'T.



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO, THAT'S CORRECT, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE,
3 YOU KNOW, TO BE-- PROFESSIONAL IS A GOOD THING.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEY MEANT IT IN A NICE WAY.
6 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE
7 HAVE THE ONE REMAINING ITEM THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE HELD, ITEM
8 NUMBER 33.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
11 SENIOR CITIZENS, BUT MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE AUDITOR
12 SO I CAN GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE.

13

14 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** GOOD MORNING. TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-
15 CONTROLLER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I WANTED TO ASK YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS
18 CHART IN TERMS OF THE GROW AND EXACTLY HOW SOME OF THESE
19 PROBLEMS CAME ABOUT. IN LOOKING AT THE CHART, IT LOOKS LIKE
20 THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO WERE COLLECTING MONEY. AND
21 COULD YOU, FROM THE AUDITOR'S STANDPOINT, FIRST OF ALL, HOW
22 THIS CAME ABOUT.

23

24 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WE'RE LOOKING INTO THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE
25 RIGHT NOW, SUPERVISOR, SO I DON'T HAVE THE FINAL ANSWERS BUT



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1 IT IS PART OF THE ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE PROGRAM
2 SIDE IS NOT NECESSARILY COMMUNICATING WITH THE FISCAL SIDE.
3 THE RESULT IN THE GROW PROGRAM WAS A DOUBLE BILL OF THE
4 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO THE D.P.S.S., WHO THEN TURNED AND
5 BILLED-- IN TURN, BILLED IT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHO
6 PAYS HALF. SO, IF THE ESTIMATE WE'VE BEEN GIVEN AND WE'RE
7 LOOKING AT IS THAT THE TOTAL OVER BILL WAS \$3 MILLION FOR
8 FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, IF THAT HOLDS UP, HALF OF THAT, ROUGHLY, OR
9 1.5, WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO
10 THAT'S, IN A NUTSHELL, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. WE'RE JUST
11 TRYING TO CONFIRM THE NUMBERS, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN WAS THIS FIRST DISCOVERED?

14

15 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** IT WAS DISCOVERED-- CYNTHIA BANKS FOR COMMUNITY
16 AND SENIOR SERVICES. CYNTHIA BANKS FOR COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
17 SERVICES. IT WAS ORIGINALLY DISCOVERED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR,
18 THE END OF MARCH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** SEE, IT SEEMS VERY STRANGE THAT DOUBLE BILLING
21 COULD GO ON WITH NO ONE PICKING IT UP.

22

23 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THIS IS PART OF THE ORGANIZATION PROBLEM,
24 SUPERVISOR.

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1 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOME FLOW OF BILLS.

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5 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES.

6

7 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** WHAT OCCURRED WITHIN C.S.S. WAS THAT THERE WERE
8 A-- TWO INVOICES DONE. ONE, INCLUDING ONLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
9 COST GOING THROUGH OUR FISCAL PERSONNEL, AND THE OTHER GOING
10 THROUGH OUR PROGRAM PERSONNEL, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION AND
11 THE PROGRAM COST. THOSE WERE SENT INDEPENDENTLY TO TWO
12 DIFFERENT SECTIONS WITHIN D.P.S.S. AND THEN PAID.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW HOW WOULD THIS 1.5 MILLION-- HAS THE DEMAND
15 COME IN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT YET?

16

17 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE KNOW IT WILL BE COMING, IS THAT IT?

20

21 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** YES, IT WILL.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE WE NEGOTIATING IN SOME WAY TO REDUCE IT?

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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT THE EXACT
2 NUMBERS, SUPERVISOR, AND I THINK THE BEST THING, WHEN WE DO
3 THAT, IS JUST TO PAY WHAT IS DUE AND-- WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY,
4 THOUGH. IT'S IN THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, I TALKED TO MY STAFF
5 ABOUT IT AND I TOLD YOU, SO THE-- PROBABLY A MILLION-THREE,
6 MILLION-FIVE MAY BE THE NUMBER.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** MILLION THREE-FIVE?

9

10 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** NO, EXCUSE ME, A MILLION THREE TO A
11 MILLION FIVE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, A MILLION THREE OR A MILLION FIVE. OKAY.

14

15 **TYLER J. MCCAULEY:** MAY BE THE NUMBER THAT-- A CLOSE ESTIMATE
16 OF THE NUMBER WE HAVE TO RETURN.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE CAD KEEP
19 UP-- IF YOU'D KEEP GIVING US THE REPORT UPDATE ON THIS, AS YOU
20 SEE IT, AND IF THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT FOLLOW THIS-- YOU
21 KNOW, THIS IS JUST LIKE THE WRIGHT ISSUE, WHERE WE HAVE TOO
22 MANY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED AS GOING INTO TOO MANY DIFFERENT
23 WAYS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY LOOK AT THAT IN TERMS OF
24 HOW YOU END UP WITH THIS KIND OF A STRUCTURE.

25



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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, SUPERVISOR, MY
2 OFFICE IS DOING A LOT OF WORK ON SOME-- WHAT WAS FISCAL OVER
3 BILLS THAT WERE THOUGHT TO BE AS HIGH AS \$10 MILLION AND NOW
4 WE GOT DOWN TO \$80,000 OR SOMETHING.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

7

8 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** BUT WE HAVE HIRED, TO WORK ALONGSIDE MY
9 STAFF, A CONSULTING FIRM WHO IS LOOKING AT JUST WHAT YOU
10 TALKED ABOUT: WHY IT IS ORGANIZED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE
11 SOMETHING THIS OR THE OTHER THING WHERE THE COMMUNICATION
12 EITHER BETWEEN-- WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OR WITH THE DEPARTMENT
13 AND WHO THEY DEAL WITH, BUT MOSTLY D.P.S.S., BUT ALSO OTHER
14 DEPARTMENTS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE-- THAT THESE TYPE OF THINGS
15 WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** IT SEEMS SYSTEMIC IN THIS ORGANIZATION, THIS
18 DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IN THE INITIAL DRAFT AUDIT OF THE
21 CONSULTANT, IT SHOWED THIS WAS AN ISSUE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE IT'S THE SAME THING AS WRIGHT?

24

25 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES, IT IS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE STATUS MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF CSS?

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10 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IT IS DUE ON JUNE 30TH, SUPERVISOR, AND
11 IT'S WELL UNDERWAY.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS IT POSSIBLE TO USE A PORTION OF THE
14 \$3.7 MILLION TO PAY FOR THE CALWORKS YOUTH PROGRAM?

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16 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THE MONEY, AT THIS POINT, WE'RE SHORT ON
17 THE MONEY, WE'VE OVER BILLED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SO THERE
18 WILL BE NO NEW MONEY. IT WILL BE A SHORT. WE HAVE TO MAKE UP
19 THE MONEY TO THE FEDS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THERE ANY PROCESS, PROCEDURE THAT
22 COULD IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY OVER-BILLING PRACTICES? OR OVER-
23 BILLING REQUESTS?

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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WE NEED TO LOOK AT EACH OF THE PROGRAMS,
2 SIR, BEFORE WE'D FIND THOSE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT AND THAT EVENTUALLY-- ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE TO TRY
4 TO IDENTIFY THINGS LIKE THAT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES AN AGENCY LIKE A.T. AND T. OR SOCIAL
7 SECURITY HAVE A COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT FLAGS DOUBLE BILLING?

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9 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IN THIS CASE, YES, THEY DO, FOR, LIKE, A
10 VENDOR PAYMENT AND SO FORTH, AND WE DO, TOO, AND ESPECIALLY
11 OUR NEW SYSTEM, WE HAVE IT. BUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING HERE,
12 THOUGH, SUPERVISOR, IS THE CLAIMING OF COSTS AND THEY WERE
13 DONE INDEPENDENTLY. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE UNDER ONE UNIT
14 AND I KNOW CYNTHIA WOULD AGREE AND, HAD THEY BEEN DONE THAT
15 WAY, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY OBVIOUS WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND IT
16 WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED. YOU COULD HAVE SEEN THE TWO SETS OF
17 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. HOWEVER, HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED RESULTED
18 IN THIS. THAT'S THE GOAL OF WHAT WE'RE DOING -- TO REORGANIZE
19 SO IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL YOUR AUDIT REPORT IN JUNE HAVE THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT OCCUR IN ANY OF
23 THE OTHER CONTRACTING THAT WE DO WITH AGENCIES?

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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IT WILL MOSTLY-- THE ONE IN JUNE WILL DEAL
2 WITH D.C.S.S. IN PARTICULAR. WE CAN, OF COURSE, LEARN ANYTHING
3 FROM THAT THAT WE COULD APPLY ELSEWHERE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO ENSURE
6 THAT THERE'S A CONSISTENT CHECK ON OVER-BILLINGS WITHIN THE
7 COUNTY?

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9 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THAT'S PART OF THE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORY
10 AND IT'S PART OF MY JOB AS AN INTERNAL AUDITOR TO GET AROUND
11 TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. WHAT I DO, GENERALLY, IN THE LARGEST
12 BILLS THAT COME TO THE COUNTY, THE CLAIMS THEY SEND TO ME FOR--
13 - I HAVE TO SIGN THEM, I RECONCILE-- MAKE SURE THEY RECONCILE
14 TO THE ACCOUNTING REPORT SYSTEM, WHICH IS C.A.P.S. NOW, SO
15 THAT I HAVE A COMFORT LEVEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT OVER-
16 BILLING IN TOTAL. YOU DO GET DOWN TO THE NUANCES, THOUGH,
17 SUPERVISOR, OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS THAT ARE INCLUDED OR NOT
18 INCLUDED, AND THOSE USUALLY HAVE TO BE DONE ON AN INDIVIDUAL
19 BASIS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM
22 IN PLACE, WOULD WE GO TO THE C.I.O.? DO WE GO TO YOUR OFFICE
23 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE C.I.O. OR DO WE GO TO THE AUDITOR-
24 CONTROLLER WITH YOU AND THE C.I.O.? OR WHAT FORMAT DO YOU
25 RECOMMEND THAT WE REVIEW THIS PROCESS?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR, LET ME TAKE THE LEAD
3 AND THEN WE'LL TALK TO TYLER AND TO JOHN AND COME BACK WITH A
4 PROCESS THAT WE CAN RECOMMEND TO YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT ON A TIME FRAME.

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8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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12 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A
13 LOT OF CHECKS AND BALANCES IN OTHER _____ SO THAT WE
14 WOULDN'T HAVE A VERY LARGE ONE. THAT'S OUR MAIN CONCERN. THIS
15 WAS RELATIVELY SMALL. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE BUT, FORTUNATELY, IT
16 WAS VERY SMALL.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, TYLER.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ANY AMENDMENTS?
21 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THE ITEM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A REPORT ON THIS BACK?

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6 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT IS THE HELD ITEMS. SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
12 IN THE MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND AND A GOOD LEADER, AND THAT WAS
13 SENATOR PETE KNIGHT, WILLIAM J. PETE KNIGHT, WHO PASSED AWAY
14 ON MAY 7TH. HE ENTERED THE CITY OF HOPE ON -- I BELIEVE IT WAS
15 APRIL 4TH, RIGHT AFTER THE SESSION RECESSED IN SACRAMENTO, AND
16 HE HAD LEUKEMIA BUT HE WAS AN INTERESTING INDIVIDUAL. HE
17 SHOWED THE WORLD YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SIX FOOT SIX TO
18 ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED. HE WAS A COLONEL IN
19 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. HE WAS AN ASTRONAUT. HE WAS A WAR
20 HERO. HE WAS A COMMUNITY LEADER. AND HE WAS AN EFFECTIVE STATE
21 LEGISLATOR. HE LEAVES A LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEFENSE
22 OF FAMILIES. ON OCTOBER 3RD OF 1967, HE FLEW AN X-15
23 EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT AND SET THE FASTEST MAN AIRPLANE VOYAGE
24 IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD AT 4,520 MILES PER HOUR, 6.7 TIMES
25 FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND. THAT FEAT EARNED HIM THE



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1 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1982 AT THE
2 RANK OF FULL COLONEL, HE HAD FLOWN 253 COMBAT MISSIONS IN
3 SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH MORE THAN 6,000 HOURS IN ABOUT 100
4 DIFFERENT AIRPLANES. COMING BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY WHEN HE
5 RETIRED, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN PALMDALE IN
6 1984 AND THEN, IN 1988, WAS ELECTED MAYOR. IN 1992, HE WENT TO
7 THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY AND THEN WAS ELECTED TO THE
8 CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE IN 1966 AND REELECTED IN THE YEAR
9 2000. THROUGHOUT HIS POLITICAL CAREER, HE STOOD BY HIS PRO
10 FAMILY, PRO JOB CREATION, ANTI TAX VALUES. HE REALLY HAD A LOT
11 OF GUTS AND HE SHOWED THAT, IF YOU HAVE CONVICTION, YOU CAN
12 MAKE A SUCCESS BY NOT HAVING TO BE SIX FOOT SIX. HE WAS FIVE
13 FOOT TWO AND HE ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN MANY PEOPLE HAVE DONE
14 IN A LIFETIME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, GAYLE, THREE SONS
15 AND FOUR STEPCHILDREN AND HE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED AND HIS
16 FUNERAL IS TOMORROW AT 10:00 A.M. IN PALMDALE, WHICH I
17 ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO PASSED
18 AWAY WAS FORMER COMMISSIONER OF MINE, LUCILE BALLANTINE, WHO
19 SERVED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION.
20 SHE PASSED AWAY ON MAY 8TH AT THE SOLHEIM LUTHERAN HOME IN
21 EAGLE ROCK AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE WAS A STRONG COMMUNITY
22 SUPPORTER, ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN BASICALLY EVERY ONE OF MY
23 CAMPAIGNS, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN AND WILL BE
24 DEEPLY MISSED. AN INDIVIDUAL THAT I HAD A GREAT DEAL OF
25 RESPECT FOR WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE, AS A PERSON WHO



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1 GAVE A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY, STATE, AND
2 WORLD, AND THAT WAS CONRAD JAMISON, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WOULD
3 SERVE 42 YEARS AT THE SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK OF LOS
4 ANGELES AS THEIR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ECONOMIST. AND HE
5 WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THE GURU OF ALL THE ECONOMIC DATA
6 FOR OUR COUNTY AND STATE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. HE RETIRED IN
7 '93 AND MOVED WITH HIS WIFE, SHIRLEY, TO UTAH. AND HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN. ANOTHER COMMUNITY
9 LEADER PASSED AWAY WAS LUDWIG ANTHONY "LOU" KUBASAK FROM
10 BURBANK. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS AN ARMY AIR
11 CORPS VETERAN DURING WORLD WAR II AND QUITE ACTIVE IN BURBANK
12 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. MEMBER OF THE BURBANK SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD,
13 THE BURBANK POLICE COMMISSION, DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD, THE
14 BURBANK BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE 4TH OF JULY
15 COMMITTEE, CIVIC PRIDE AND MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE IN
16 BURBANK. HE ALSO WORKED AS AN AUTOMOTIVE PARTS SALESMAN,
17 RETIRING FROM AVNET AFTER 26 YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
18 EIGHT CHILDREN. FRANK POLITO WHO, FOR 40 YEARS IN THE ALHAMBRA
19 AREA, COACHED LITTLE LEAGUE AND MANAGED THE ALHAMBRA NATIONAL
20 LITTLE LEAGUE. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. ROBERT PRATTE,
21 A PASADENA ATTORNEY, WAS ALSO SPENT HIS CAREER AS A CORPORATE
22 ATTORNEY. HE ENJOYED DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL AND RESORT
23 PRESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN BIG BEAR AND HIS PASSION FOR
24 REPRESENTING THE SNOW SUMMIT SKI RESORT FOR THE PAST 45 YEARS.
25 HIS FEE FOR INCORPORATING THE RESORT WAS A PAIR OF SKIS. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, VIRGINIA, AND THEIR FIVE
2 CHILDREN. LETHA RACKETT, LONG-TIME 4-H LEADER IN THE ANTELOPE
3 VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR, THE ALFALFA FESTIVAL, AND MANY COMMUNITY
5 PROJECTS IN LEONA VALLEY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO
6 DAUGHTERS. EDWARD RAUSCH, OWNER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 LANDMARK RESTAURANT, EDWARD'S STEAK HOUSE NEAR MACARTHUR PARK
8 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. THIS WAS A RESTAURANT THAT
9 MY FAMILY AND I WENT TO MANY, MANY YEARS WHEN I WAS GROWING UP
10 IN LOS ANGELES. HE LATER HAD THE BUILDING IN 1990 CLOSED
11 BECAUSE OF THE HIGH CRIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE HE MOVED
12 IT, BEGAN WORKING AT THE EDWARDS STEAK HOUSE RANCH HOUSE IN EL
13 MONTE, WHICH HE OPENED IN 1973, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
14 WIFE, LYNNETTE, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, WHO OPERATE THE
15 BUSINESS TODAY. LARUE CECIL THOMAS, ANOTHER LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 LEADER, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES THOMAS
17 CADILLAC, WHO ALSO AMASSED A COLLECTION OF OVER 100 CLASSIC
18 AND LUXURY CARS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HIS FAMILY
19 ACQUIRED THE CADILLAC FRANCHISE IN LOS ANGELES AND BUILT IT
20 INTO ONE OF THE NATION'S BIGGEST DEALERSHIPS FOR A QUARTER OF
21 A CENTURY. THE BUILDING'S SIXTH FLOOR HOUSED ONE OF THE FINEST
22 AND LEAST KNOWN PRIVATE COLLECTIONS OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE
23 COUNTY, VINTAGE CADILLACS FROM 1903 TO THE BIG BOAT, 1976
24 ELDORADO CONVERTIBLE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR
25 TWO CHILDREN AND THREE SIBLINGS. GALILEO ACOSTA, WHO WORKED



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1 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS A
2 WELFARE INVESTIGATOR, WAS ALSO WORLD WAR II VETERAN, A
3 GRADUATE FROM THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY AND ALSO TOOK
4 NAVAL TRAINING AT THE PACIFIC FLEET SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO AND
5 ADVANCED NAVAL WARFARE FOR SENIOR OFFICERS OFFICERS IN
6 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. LEWIS CURTIS "LOUIE" RODRIGUEZ, LONG-TIME
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT WHO, AFTER RETIRING FROM EDWARDS AIR
8 FORCE BASE, WAS THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF CENTURY CLEANERS IN THE
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY. MILLA VACUREVICH FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
10 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MILAN, RETIRED COLONEL IN THE UNITED
11 STATES ARMY. J. WESLEY "WES" FLETCHER, LONG-TIME PASADENA
12 RESIDENT WHO WAS ABOARD THE U.S. NAVY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SHIP
13 USS TYRONE DURING WORLD WAR II AND OPERATED THE J. WESLEY
14 FLETCHER LABORATORIES IN SOUTH PASADENA AND PASADENA. HE IS
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NANETTE, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. FOSTER
16 ANDERSON, THE ONLY MAN TO HAVE SERVED ON THE FOOTBALL COACHING
17 STAFFS OF U.S.C., U.C.L.A., AND THE LOS ANGELES RAMS, PASSED
18 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64. AFTER GRADUATING AS A-- SERVING AS A
19 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH AT U.C.L.A. IN '62, HE SERVED FOUR
20 YEARS IN THE ARMY, WHERE HE RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART IN VIETNAM
21 AND ROSE TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. HE THEN JOINED U.S.C. STAFF,
22 OF WHICH YEAR THE TROJANS WON A SHARE OF THE NATIONAL
23 CHAMPIONSHIP, THEN COACHED AT U.C.L.A. IN '77 BEFORE JOINING
24 THE RAMS IN '78. HE LATER COACHED AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE FROM
25 '95 TO '97 AND '99 TO 2000. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AND



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1 THREE CHILDREN, HIS MOTHER, AND FOUR SIBLINGS. I MOVE WE
2 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I JOIN ALSO THE EDWARDS STEAK HOUSE.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE RECONSIDERATION ON
9 ITEM 63 AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING MOTION. IT'S A TRAILS ISSUE IN
10 ALTADENA.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO WE RECONSIDER. MOTION TO RECONSIDER. SO
13 ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE MAKE CLEAR THAT
16 THE RESOLUTION FOR VACATION OF THIS TRAIL IS CONDITIONED UPON
17 THE 1956 ALIGNMENT REMAINING OPEN FOR TRAIL USERS UNTIL THE
18 REPLACEMENT TRAIL IS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY THE PARKS AND
19 RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THAT'S THE MOTION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. ANY OBJECTIONS?
22 SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO
4 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LIFELONG EAST L.A.
5 RESIDENT, JULIA ELIAS, THE MOTHER OF REGIONAL PLANNING
6 ADMINISTRATOR, THEODORE ELIAS, AND THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF CHIEF
7 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHARLENE ABE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
8 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ANY OTHER ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S IT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY MOTIONS FOR NEXT
15 WEEK? OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF HANS MAHR, WHO WAS THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
20 NANCY MAHR, AND I IMAGINE ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN
21 THAT. AND JULIA L. RICHMAN, WHO WAS A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 1965. HER MOST RECENT POSITION
23 WAS AS A STAFF-- SENIOR STAFF ANALYST FOR CHILDHOOD LEAD
24 POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
25 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SISTER, JERRY SMITH, HER



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1 COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, AND OTHER RELATIVES. FRANCIS PERDOMO, WHO
2 PASSED AWAY APRIL 29TH. SHE IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF SAM
3 PERDOMO.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL, TOO.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL MEMBERS. AND PETE VALDEZ, SR., WHO PASSED AWAY
8 APRIL 26TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER AT THE AGE OF 76.
9 HE WAS LIFELONG VETERAN ACTIVIST AND MEMBER OF THE AMVETS
10 CULVER CITY POST 2. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER AND
11 FAMILY PATRIARCH. THE CULVER CITY AMVETS POST 2 PARK HAS BEEN
12 RENAMED THE PETE VALDEZ, SR., CULVER CITY AMVETS POST 2. HE
13 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS BELOVED WIFE, ROSIE, SONS,
14 PETE JR., DANIEL, DAVID AND RICKEY AND A STEPDAUGHTER,
15 ROSEMARY, LINDA, AND GLORIA, 13 GRANDCHILDREN AND 22 GREAT-
16 GRANDCHILDREN. AND GERALDINE HARRELL BACCUS, WHO PASSED AWAY
17 ON APRIL 28TH. SHE WAS THE BELOVED WIFE OF DR. CARL C. BACCUS,
18 WHO'S THE MINISTER OF THE SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN LOS
19 ANGELES. AND WILMA JEAN "JOYCE" LAWSON, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST
20 WEEK. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT,
21 ROSEWOOD AREA AND THE CITY OF COMPTON, OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF
22 THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS THE SECOND DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION OF AGING, A MEMBER SINCE 1998 TO
24 2004. SHE WAS A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FAMILY,
25 A VOLUNTEER IN OUR OFFICE AND SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. SHE



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1 IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS. SEAN MURRAY, WHO WAS KILLED
2 ON APRIL THE 26TH, 2004. HE WAS 20 YEARS OLD. HE WAS A
3 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND WORKED AT CALIFORNIA
4 ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS, A GRADUATE OF LYNWOOD HIGH
5 SCHOOL IN 2002. HE'S THE NEPHEW OF PASTORS JAMES KEVIN MURRAY
6 OF ALONDRA BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST AND LAWRENCE MAURY OF
7 COMPTON AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST, BOTH IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
8 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, VIVIAN AND RODNEY MURRAY AND
9 SISTER, ADRIANNE MURRAY. DR. CHARLES LANGE, A LOS ANGELES
10 EDUCATOR WHO ENCOURAGED AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH TO PURSUE
11 CAREERS IN SCIENCE AND AEROSPACE AND HELPED N.A.S.A. RECRUIT
12 FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81.
13 HE WAS CO-FOUNDER AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE WATTS SKILL
14 CENTER, ESTABLISHED AFTER THE 1965 RIOTS. DURING THE KOREAN
15 WAR, DR. LANGE BECAME ONE OF THE ARMY'S FIRST BLACK COMBAT
16 PHOTO JOURNALISTS AND COMMANDED INTEGRATED INFANTRY TROOPS.
17 AFTER HIS SERVICE, HE TAUGHT IN LOS ANGELES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
18 AND WORKED ON AUDIO VISUAL MATERIAL FOR THE LOS ANGELES
19 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BEFORE STARTING THE WATTS SKILL
20 CENTER. AMONG OTHER AWARDS, HE EARNED THE TUSKEGEE
21 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI MERIT AWARD IN 1992. HE IS SURVIVED BY
22 HIS WIFE, AGATHA, ONE SON, KEITH, THREE DAUGHTERS, ANGELE AND
23 KHADIJAH LANG AND TWYLA LANG-GORDON, ONE BROTHER, TWO SISTERS,
24 AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. HE CERTAINLY DID A TREMENDOUS JOB IN
25 TERMS OF EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE ON AEROSPACE AND ENCOURAGING



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1 THEM TO SEEK, AS A GOAL, THE SPACE PROGRAM. AND TREVON TAYLOR,
2 WHO DIED ON MAY 8TH, 2004. HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED AS HE SAT IN
3 FRONT OF HIS HOME. A CAR PULLED UP TO THE HOUSE, SPRAYING IT
4 WITH BULLETS. HE WAS 15 YEARS OLD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
5 MOTHER, BEVERLY TAYLOR, TWO BROTHERS, ARLONDA AND MAYLON,
6 SIBLINGS, HIS BELOVED GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER, WILLIAM AND
7 WILLIE MAE TAYLOR. AND CORRINE MOBLEY BOEY, WHO PASSED AWAY
8 THIS MORNING AT DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITAL. SHE'S THE BELOVED
9 DAUGHTER OF AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE SECOND DISTRICT
10 COMMUNITY, LILLIAN MOBLEY, AND I KNOW THAT LILLIAN HAS BEEN
11 SPEAKING WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OVER THE LAST FEW
12 MONTHS. AND VIRGINIA CAPERS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78,
13 SINGER AND ACTRESS WHO APPEARED IN FILMS, ON T.V., WON A TONY
14 AWARD IN 1974 FOR HER PERFORMANCE AS LENA YOUNGER IN THE
15 ORIGINAL VERSION OF RAISIN IN THE SUN. MRS. CAPERS' LOVE FOR
16 THE STAGE LED HER TO FOUND LAFAYETTE PLAYERS, A LOS ANGELES-
17 BASED REPERTORY COMPANY FEATURING BLACK ACTORS AND ACTRESSES.
18 IN 1984, AFTER MERGING WITH ANOTHER THEATER GROUP, IT BECAME
19 LAFAYETTE PLAYERS WEST. AND FINALLY, THELMA BENNETT, WHO I'LL
20 PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION LATER. WE JUST RECEIVED THE
21 INFORMATION. SHE DIED LAST NIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES MY
22 ADJOURNMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY MOTIONS
25 FOR NEXT WEEK OR ANYTHING? IF NOT, WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS US THIS MORNING, RONNIE ELLIS AND
2 KAREN OCAMB.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THEY'RE COMING UP. COULD I ALSO
5 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY SHERIFF MICHAEL
6 ATWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY OF A HEART ATTACK ON MAY 9TH AT THE AGE
7 OF 52. HE WAS A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
8 ROBERT BLAIR, GLENDALE RESIDENT AND GRANDFATHER TO MY SENIOR
9 DEPUTY, SHERRY LASAGNA'S SON-IN-LAW. AND SERGEANT PAUL BURNS,
10 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT PASSED AWAY ON APRIL
11 29TH. AND WILLIAM ALLEN DEWEY, WHO WAS 50 YEARS IN THE
12 AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESS, INCLUDING 23 YEARS WITH BOB SMITH AND 27
13 YEARS AT FOOTHILL VOLKSWAGEN, PONTIAC. AND ANGELINA BRAJKOVICH
14 OF THE ALHAMBRA. AND LEE ALLEN DEGRAFFENRIED, JUNIOR.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** KAREN?

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18 **KAREN OCAMB:** DID YOU NOT CALL HER FIRST?

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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22 **KAREN OCAMB:** DO YOU WANT ME TO GO FIRST?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT MAKES...

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1 **KAREN OCAMB:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO GO FIRST, THEN. OKAY. OKAY.
2 GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB. I'M THE HEAD OF THE
3 LOS ANGELES SUNSHINE COALITION. FOR TWO YEARS NOW, I'VE BEEN
4 COMING BEFORE YOU AS HEAD OF THE L.A. SUNSHINE COALITION
5 CRITICIZING YOU WHEN WE THOUGHT YOU WERE WRONG AND PRAISING
6 YOU WHEN YOU DEMONSTRATED YOUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND
7 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT. I WAS, THEREFORE, SHOCKED TO READ IN THE
8 DAILY NEWS, IN THE DAILY JOURNAL LAST WEEK, THAT COUNTY
9 GOVERNMENT IS ONCE AGAIN A CAULDRON OF SECRECY. HAVE YOU
10 LEARNED NOTHING FROM TWO YEARS' WORTH OF PUBLIC OUTCRY AND
11 EXPENSIVE LAWSUIT THAT YOU LOST, AT TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE? LAST
12 WEEK, WE READ THAT A SUPERVISOR-APPOINTED SECRET PANEL HAS
13 REVIEWED 55 APPLICANTS FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL POSITION AND A
14 DEPUTY COUNSEL, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ONE OF THE FIVE
15 FINALISTS, ARGUED THAT REVEALING THE NAMES OF THAT SECRET
16 PANEL MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE SELECTION PROCESS. HOWEVER, WHEN
17 THE DAILY JOURNAL LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
18 WAS KENNETH BROWN, WHOSE LAW FIRM HOLDS LUCRATIVE CONTRACTS
19 WITH THE COUNTY, SUDDENLY THE NAME BECAME AVAILABLE. WAS THE
20 PURPOSE OF THE SECRECY TO HIDE THE COZY KEN BROWN/COUNTY
21 COUNSEL CONNECTION? LET'S LOOK AT THIS. BILL PELLMAN RETIRES
22 AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM OPEN GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES AND
23 HIS FAILURE TO STAUNCH THE HEMORRHAGING OF TAXPAYER MONEY FOR
24 LEGAL COSTS. SEVERAL REPORTERS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT
25 EXACTLY HOW MUCH KNOWN COUNTY COUNSEL HAS SPENT FOR THE PAST



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1 FEW YEARS AND ON WHAT BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW. DO YOU? THE
2 OFFICE SEEMS TO BE A FISCAL BLACK HOLE. OKAY. SO AFTER THE
3 TIMES' LAWSUIT, THE COURT SAID, YOU GOT BAD ADVICE FROM
4 PELLMAN. THAT BAD ADVICE CONTINUED WHEN PELLMAN TOLD YOU NOT
5 TO SETTLE ANOTHER SUIT OVER ATTORNEY FEES. MEANWHILE, KEN
6 BROWN IS PILING UP AT LEAST 400 TO \$500 AN HOUR AND YOU STILL
7 LOST AND PROBABLY PAID WELL OVER THE COST OF THE ORIGINAL
8 SETTLEMENT OFFER. COULD THAT MONEY HAVE BEEN BETTER SPENT? AND
9 NOW YOU WANT THE SAME LAWYER TO PRESIDE OVER THE SELECTION OF
10 YOUR NEXT COUNTY COUNSEL. IS NO ONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
11 PERCEPTION THAT YOU'RE IN KEN BROWN'S POCKET? PLEASE LOOK VERY
12 HARD AT THESE FINALISTS. WHO IS GOING TO GIVE YOU GOOD ADVICE
13 ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT ISSUES AND NOT WASTE ANY MORE OF YOUR
14 TIME, CREDIBILITY, AND TAXPAYER MONEY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME AND I JUST WOULD RESPOND TO
17 THAT, SINCE I'M THE ONE THAT APPOINTED KEN BROWN

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19 **KAREN OCAMB:** YES, SIR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND I FEEL IT NECESSARY TO RESPOND ONLY IN
22 THE SENSE THAT-- TO TRY TO IMPUGN HIS INTEGRITY LIKE THAT IS,
23 TO ME, NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I APPOINTED KEN BECAUSE OF
24 HIS EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BEING A CITY ATTORNEY
25 FOR VARIOUS CITIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, HE



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1 DOES HAVE COUNTY CONTRACTS BUT, ALSO, HE HAS TO HAVE
2 EXPERIENCE WITH THE COUNTY. HE IS ONE OF FIVE PEOPLE THAT
3 PARTICIPATED IN THAT. SO HE'S NOT CONTROLLING ANYTHING. HIS
4 ISSUE WAS NOT THE BROWN ACT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT I JUST
5 DID IT OUT OF VALUE FOR HIS INTEGRITY, HIS HONESTY ABOUT
6 PEOPLE, AND A GREAT SENSE OF HISTORY HERE IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. SO THAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE APPOINTMENT. IT HAD
8 NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR INSINUATIONS.

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10 **KAREN OCAMB:** IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO YOU THAT THERE MIGHT BE, AT
11 LEAST, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE APPEARANCE OF A CONFLICT OF
12 INTEREST, THAT MR. PELLMAN WENT TO WORK FOR KENNETH BROWN'S
13 LAW FIRM? THAT THERE WAS A COZY RELATIONSHIP, PERHAPS, PRIOR
14 TO HIS RETIREMENT? THAT THAT MAY SEND SUGGESTIONS TO OTHER
15 PEOPLE APPLYING FOR THOSE JOBS THAT THERE MIGHT BE A, YOU
16 KNOW, GOLDEN PARACHUTE AFTER COUNTY COUNSEL? I MEAN, THERE ARE
17 A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE RAISED IN OUR-- IN THE PUBLIC'S
18 MIND.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FINE. CLEARLY WAS NOT THE INTENT OF MY
21 APPOINTMENT BUT ONE OF EXPERIENCE. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR
22 YOUR INPUT.

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24 **KAREN OCAMB:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RONNIE?

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3 **RONNIE ELLIS:** THREE MINUTES? JUST BEFORE I TURN ON
4 SOMETHING...

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU...

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8 **RONNIE ELLIS:** THREE MINUTES.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU GOING TO TURN ON SOMETHING?

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12 **RONNIE ELLIS:** YEAH, I'M GOING TO TURN SOMETHING ON. LET'S SEE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHECK IT OUT.

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16 **RONNIE ELLIS:** OKAY. BEFORE I BEGIN, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO GET
17 THIS OUT OF MY SYSTEM. ROLE PLAY. LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER:

18 "GRANDPA, GRANDPA, WHERE WILL YOU BE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?"

19 GRANDPA'S RESPONSE, "WELL, LITTLE ONE, IF I'M NOT AT A PRE-

20 MARRYING ET TROY ON THE 14TH, I'LL BE ET EL MARS." OKAY. AND

21 THAT'S FOR REAL. MR. CHAIRMAN, MY MAYOR, AND I'M SO GLAD

22 YOU'RE BACK FROM D.C. AND YOU-ALL ARE SAFE. NO EXCUSES. I

23 CAN'T EXPRESS MYSELF PROPER. BUT, IN ONE OF FOUR VOLUMES,

24 THERE'S SOMETHING, HERE'S A PROPOSAL, YOU KNOW, OF COURSE,

25 TOMORROW'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE ANNUAL, YOU KNOW, BUDGET



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1 DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNTY. I'M SUBMITTING THIS FOR MY
2 SUPPORT FOR TWO PROGRAMS. SO JUST, YOU KNOW, SKIPPING, YOU
3 KNOW, LEAPING AND HOPPING AND STUFF.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS...

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7 **RONNIE ELLIS:** I UNDERSTAND, I CERTAINLY DO.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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11 **RONNIE ELLIS:** I MOST CERTAINLY DO. SEE IF IT WORKS. MAY NOT.

12 OH, IT'S NOT. WELL, ANYWAY, CUT ONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE MATTHEW
13 AND SON, AND I WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, IT TALKS ABOUT, YOU KNOW,
14 BEING UP AT EIGHT AND WORKING AND ALL THIS OTHER KIND OF
15 STUFF. AND THEN I WAS GOING TO SKIP TO CUT NUMBER 11. YEAH.
16 CUT NUMBER 11 WAS MOON SHADOW. OKAY. LEAPING AND HOPING IN A
17 MOON... YOU KNOW. PRINCES TURN INTO FROGS AND STUFF, YOU KNOW,
18 ALL KINDS OF STUFF, EXACTLY. THEN I WAS GOING TO SKIP TO CUT
19 NUMBER-- WHAT WAS THAT-- YEAH. LET'S SEE. HMM. NO PEACE TRAIN.
20 NOT THAT. BUT I WAS GOING TO GO ON TO NUMBER-- I BELIEVE 16.
21 OH, VERY YOUNG, WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE US THIS TIME [SINGING].

22 YOU KNOW, ONE OF THEM THINGS. RIGHT? HEY. YOU KNOW. WHAT DO I
23 KNOW? OKAY. SEE, I WENT SHOPPING MOTHER'S DAY, OKAY? EXACTLY.

24 AND AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THE PUBLIC MEETING, I'M GOING TO GO
25 TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHILE YOU ALL GO INTO SESSION AND ALL LIKE



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1 THAT, YOU KNOW, PRIVATELY, AND I'M GOING TO REFER SOME
2 MATERIALS TO SOME SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT HEADS, BUT I JUST GOT TO
3 DO THIS PUBLICLY BECAUSE, YOU SEE, I AIN'T INTO NO MEXICAN
4 SUPREME COURT, NEITHER. YOU! YOU! YOU KNOW WHERE TO SEND THIS.
5 I'M OVER.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **RONNIE ELLIS:** AND OUT!

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE GET A C.A.O. REPORT ON
12 THAT FOR NEXT WEEK.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS
15 BOARD, IF YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, I'D APPRECIATE
16 IT, THANK YOU.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
19 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
21 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
22 EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
23 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM
24 CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
25 AND ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING



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1 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
2 AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, THE 2004/2005 BUDGET
3 HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH,
4 2004, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 11, 2004**

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3 The Board of Supervisors met today in closed session. The
4 following action is being reported:

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6 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

7 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

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9 David Wheeler v. David Sanders, etc., et al., Los Angeles
10 Superior Court Case No. BS 089106 This lawsuit alleges that
11 the County has failed to comply with Federal and State
12 requirements for assessing the safety of relative foster care
13 homes.

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15 Action Taken:

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17 The Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized its legal
18 counsel to defend the lawsuit.

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20 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

21 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

22 Initiation of litigation (one case)

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24 Action Taken:

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1 The Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized its legal
2 counsel to initiate or intervene in an action. Once formally
3 commenced, the action, parties and other particulars will be
4 disclosed to any person upon inquiry.

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6 Pursuant to Section 54955 of the Government Code of the State
7 of California and by order of the Board of Supervisors of the
8 County of Los Angeles, the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 11,
9 2004 was adjourned to Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in
10 Room 381B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration for the
11 purpose of conferring with legal counsel, regarding
12 significant exposure to litigation (one case), pursuant to
13 subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (Item CS-
14 3).

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings was taken on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of May, 2004.

_____(Signature on file)_____

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